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Town of Belmont New Hampshire 1988 Annual Report



**Belmont Police Department Honor Guard
Old Home Day
August 13, 1988**



CALVIN D. BROWN
Retired
December 31, 1987

It has been a long-honored tradition to use the dedication of the annual report to recognize the passing of a citizen who has served the Town over the years. In 1988, we would like to break with this tradition and honor an individual for dedicated service while that individual can enjoy the honor.

Many of you who have been to the Town Hall in 1988 have noticed the absence of a very familiar face behind the front counter. Calvin Brown retired as Town Clerk/Tax Collector on December 31, 1987. He had served in this position for 29 years. He watched the Town grow from a rural mill community where he served the public from his home on a part-time basis, to a rapidly expanding suburban community with a need for a full-time Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Cal's knowledge and historical perspective have been sorely missed during this past year, but we are indeed pleased that he has the time in his retirement to enjoy his hobbies of fishing, golfing and motorcycling while still answering a few questions for those of us in Town Hall.

No words could ever express our gratitude to Calvin Brown for his outstanding service to the Town of Belmont.

Committee Meetings

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Building Needs Committee | As Required | |
| Conservation Commission | 3rd Thursday | 7:30 PM |
| Disposal Committee | As Required | |
| Fire Department | 3rd Monday | 7:00 PM |
| Library Trustees | As Required | |
| Planning Board (Work Session) | 1st Thursday | 7:30 PM |
| (Public Hearings) | 4th Thursday | 7:30 PM |
| Recreation Commission | As Required | |
| Sewer Commission | As Required | |
| Selectmen | 2nd & 4th Wednesday | 7:30 PM |
| Supervisors of the Checklist | As Required | |
| Trustees of Trust Funds | As Required | |
| Water Commission | 4th Thursday | 7:00 PM |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | 4th Wednesday | 6:30 PM |

All meetings are held in the Town Offices, except the Library Trustees, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment which meet in the Library.

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Town of Belmont Telephone Directory

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| EMERGENCY | FIRE DEPARTMENT | 524-1545 |
| | POLICE DEPARTMENT | 267-6511 |
| | MEDICAL AID | 524-1545 |
| Assessor's Office | | 267-6986 |
| Building Inspector | | 267-8110 |
| Canine Control | | 267-6511 |
| Civil Defense Director | | 267-6986 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY | | 524-1545 |
| Fire Station | | 267-8110 |
| Health Department | | 267-8145 |
| Library | | 267-8166 |
| MEDICAL AID EMERGENCY | | 524-1545 |
| Police Business | | 267-6511 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY | | 267-6511 |
| Road Agent | | 267-8849 |
| Selectmen's Office | | 267-6986 |
| Sewer Commission | | 267-6986 |
| Tax Collector | | 267-8145 |
| Town Clerk | | 267-8145 |
| Town Administrator | | 267-6986 |
| Treasurer | | 267-8145 |
| Water Department | | 267-8145 |

Town Officers and Committees - 1988-89

| | TERM EXPIRES |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| MODERATOR | |
| Edward J. Fitzgerald, Jr. | 1991 |
| SELECTMEN | |
| Ronald Mitchell, Chairman | 1989 |
| George Condodemetraky | 1990 |
| Richard Bolduc | 1991 |
| TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR | |
| Doralyn Harper | 1989 |
| TREASURER | |
| John F. Moynihan | 1990 |
| ROAD AGENT | |
| Luther Brown | 1989 |
| TOWN ADMINISTRATOR | |
| Dana G. Schondelmeier | Appointed |
| POLICE CHIEF | |
| Michael P. McCarty | Appointed |
| FIRE CHIEF | |
| Albert Akerstrom, III | Appointed |
| TOWN PLANNER | |
| Vacant | Appointed |
| HEALTH OFFICER | |
| Francis R. Clairmont | Appointed |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | |
| Y. Thomas Boivan | Appointed |
| SEWER/WATER SUPERINTENDENT | |
| Francis R. Clairmont | Appointed |
| CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR | |
| Robert Harper | Appointed |
| BUILDING INSPECTOR | |
| Richard Siegel | Appointed |

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Helen M. Hill | 1990 |
| Magnus McLetchie | 1989 |
| Arilda Brown | 1991 |

RECREATION COMMISSION

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Robert Harper, Chairman | 1989 |
| Renee Jessman | 1989 |
| Dorothy Pearl | 1990 |
| Bradley Lawrence | 1990 |

SEWER COMMISSION

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Richard Fournier, Chairman | 1990 |
| Cedric Witham | 1989 |
| Bruce Arey | 1991 |

WATER COMMISSION

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Ronald Cormier, Chairman | 1990 |
| Lawrence Clairmont | 1991 |
| Jody Connor, Co-Chairman | 1989 |
| Albert Carista | 1989 |
| John Flack | 1991 |

BUDGET COMMITTEE

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Earl M. Sweeney, Chairman | 1989 |
| Richard Long (appointed) | 1989 |
| Robert St. Lawrence | 1989 |
| Robert Richards | 1989 |
| Steve Fournier | 1990 |
| H. Morrison Booth | 1990 |
| Alan MacRae | 1990 |
| John F. Moynihan | 1990 |
| Leslie Roberts | 1991 |
| Robert Harper | 1991 |
| James Rhodes | 1991 |
| Julia Perkins (appointed) | 1989 |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Hyman Steiman, Chairman | 1991 |
| Brian Watterson | 1991 |
| Lori Horn | 1989 |
| Lester Patt | 1989 |
| Maxwell Perkins | 1989 |
| Alfred McCarthy | 1990 |

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Kenneth DeHart | 1990 |
| H. Morrison Booth | 1990 |

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|--|------|
| Robert Stomski, Chairman | 1990 |
| Magnus McLetchie, Clerk | 1991 |
| Albert Carista (appointed) | 1989 |
| Peter Blanchette | 1989 |
| Peter Harris | 1989 |
| Karen Heinrich | 1990 |
| George Condodemetrakys, Selectmen's Representative | 1989 |
| Ward Peterson, Alternate | 1991 |
| Susan Condodemetrakys, Alternate | 1991 |
| Arlene Chin, Alternate | 1991 |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| |
|-------------------------|
| Bruce Arey, Chairman |
| H. Morrison Booth |
| W. Albert Woglam |
| Miriam Plonsky |
| Richard Fournier |
| Janice Pease, Alternate |
| Robert Kay, Alternate |

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Magnus McLetchie | Indefinite |
|------------------|------------|

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Louis Wuelper, Chairman | 1990 |
| Audrey Ekberg | 1989 |
| Susan Dupuis | 1991 |

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Audrey Ekberg | 1992 |
| Jane McLetchie | 1990 |
| Constance Mirski | 1988 |

ROAD COMMITTEE

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Fletcher Fredette, Chairman | Indefinite |
| Paul LaFlam | Indefinite |
| Paul Gaudet | Indefinite |
| Leslie Roberts | Indefinite |

Concord Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative

In 1988, the construction of the 500 tons per day refuse-to-energy facility by SES Concord (Wheelabrator Technologies) in Penacook has proceeded. The construction of the facility is nearing completion, with the initiation of shakedown operations scheduled for this April. During the spring and early summer months, refuse deliveries by the Cooperative to the plant are anticipated to be intermittent as start-up operations proceed. Full commercial operation is anticipated to begin in the late summer/early fall of 1989.

The power generated by the refuse-to-energy plant is to be sold to Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) under the terms of a rate order previously issued by the NH Public Utilities Commission. The impact, if any, of the PSNH bankruptcy on the price to be paid for power is not yet clear. The Cooperative, which entered into financial obligations on the basis of the PUC rate order, continues to maintain the position that the PUC specified rates are in place. Significant progress has been made in dealings with PSNH and Concord Electric Company on finalizing and constructing electrical distribution system improvements.

In March 1988, the Cooperative was apprised by the NH Department of Environmental Services that the Concord Landfill, which had been approved for disposal of ash residue from the refuse-to-energy plant, would not be available for use. The Cooperative was successful in acquiring a 38-acre parcel in Franklin. Obtaining permits, securing long-term financing, designing and constructing a double-lined secure residue landfill in ten months. The landfill was constructed using intensive quality control procedure and, despite the aggressive schedule, was completed at a cost under budget. The landfill is substantially complete and will begin operation in April.

The member municipalities need to ensure that arrangements are made to allow full delivery to the refuse-to-energy plant by no later than August 1989. The Cooperative requests that each community make arrangements for the storage and disposal of unacceptable waste, including motor vehicle batteries which constitute the greater source of lead in municipal solid waste. Such batteries are not to be delivered to the refuse-to-energy plant. The Project Director further encourages all communities to consider and implement materials recycling to reduce anticipated excess tonnage.

Management Letter

To the Selectmen
Town of Belmont
Belmont, New Hampshire 03220

We have examined the financial statements of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1987, and have issued our report thereon dated March 4, 1988. As part of our examination, we made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in the U.S. General Accounting Office's "Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions." For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal accounting controls in the following categories: financing, receipts, disbursements and financial reporting.

The purpose of our study and evaluation was to determine the nature, timing and extent of the auditing procedures necessary for expressing an opinion on the Town's financial statements. Our study and evaluation was more limited than would be necessary to express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control taken as a whole, or on any of the categories of controls identified above.

The management personnel of the Town are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of a system are to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with required authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation, made for the limited purpose described in the

first paragraph, would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire taken as a whole. However, our study and evaluation disclosed no condition that we believed to be a material weakness. All expenditures tested were in accordance with related grant requirements, and we found no indications that items not tested were inappropriate. This report does not affect our report on those statements dated March 4, 1988.

On the following pages are various suggestions that we believe would enhance accounting controls and facilitate financial reporting. These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of audit tests applied in our examination of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1987, and this report does not affect our report on those statements dated March 4, 1988.

Nathan Wechsler & Company
Concord, New Hampshire
March 4, 1988

Perspective on Detail Comments

Management letter comments are necessarily critical in nature, and some care needs to be taken in evaluating them. Each of the following comments is associated with a risk that financial information could be misstated due to the problem identified. These risks can be mitigated to some extent by regular budget evaluation and review of interim (monthly or quarterly) financial reports. We, therefore, respectfully offer the following observations and recommendations in connection with the Town's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of its internal financial reporting and budget control.

CASH MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Observation: Several of the Town's cash accounts had balances in excess of \$100,000, including two accounts of nearly \$1,000,000 each. The maximum rate earned on these accounts was 5.65%. The balance in excess of \$100,000 in any single account is not covered by FDIC insurance.

Recommendation: The Town should monitor cash balances to minimize the exposure on uninsured balances. At certain times of the year when large balances may be unavoidable, such as during periods of heavy property tax collections, the Town should seek to maximize short-term yields through alternative investment vehicles.

Observation: During the course of our examination, we noted that a number of cash accounts were not reconciled on a regular monthly basis. Interest earned on cash accounts often was not posted as a result. Prompt reconciliations are vital and basic to a system of cash safeguards.

Recommendation: All cash accounts should be reconciled monthly and discrepancies promptly investigated by personnel who have no duties for cash receipts or disbursements.

Observation: Physical safeguards over written checks were lacking in several cases. We noticed instances where checks were written but then held for a period of time while awaiting signature. We also observed checks which were written and left unprotected on desks overnight.

Recommendation: Checks should be written only when they are ready to be signed and issued. When there must be a delay between the time a check is prepared and when it is released, the check should be physically safeguarded in a safe or locked drawer or cabinet.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Observation: Paid invoices are not cancelled so as to prevent their reuse. The accounts payable clerk does not indicate on the invoice the account being charged for the expenditure.

Recommendation: We recommend that a block stamp be obtained and used to cancel all vendor invoices. A typical cancellation stamp will provide spaces to document approval for payment, account distribution, P.O. matching, voucher or check number, and date paid or vouchered. Coding the invoice with the account being charged allows the approving official to review the account distribution as well, which is necessary for proper budgetary control. Use of a formalized stamp also provides better consistency when the regular accounts payable clerk is absent or on vacation.

Observation: We noticed an instance when a large invoice was paid twice. This occurred when the subject charge was paid once on the original invoice and again on a past due notice.

Recommendation: To prevent duplicate payments, bills should only be vouchered or paid from the original invoice, never from an invoice copy, statement, or past due notice. Additionally, use of a cancellation stamp as mentioned above will prevent inadvertent duplicate payment of an original invoice.

Observation: We noticed that accounts payable control accounts were not being used or reconciled on a monthly basis. As a result, current year expenditures were significantly understated in the general ledger.

Recommendation: Use of general ledger control accounts is a basic tool in a system of internal accounting controls. We recommend that they be used and monitored on a regular monthly basis.

WATER & SEWER ACCOUNTING

Observations: For administrative and personnel reasons, the last two quarterly water and sewer billings were late by several months. This compromises the collectibility of these billings and results in a true cost of money to the Town.

In addition, we observed that certain cash activity was not posted to the books and records.

Recommendation: The personnel requirements for the water and sewer accounting needs to be thoroughly reviewed, and appropriate staffing pro-

vided or monitored to ensure that critical billing and accounting functions are performed promptly and adequately.

ACCOUNTING ROUTINES AND DISCIPLINE

Observations: During the course of our audit, we noticed a number of situations that indicated a basic lack of, or breakdown in, elementary accounting control, routines and discipline, including the following:

- The existing computer system apparently allows one-sided or unbalanced entries to be made; additionally, the system allows one-sided or unbalanced entries to be made to an accounting period after the period is already closed, such that the entry does not show up in any account transaction history;
- Audit adjustments for the two prior fiscal years were never recorded by the general ledger bookkeeper, resulting in significant ongoing misstatements of the balance sheet accounts for the general, water and sewer funds;
- Interfund balances are not reconciled, resulting in misstatement of such balances on an ongoing basis and incomplete recording of interfund activity.

Recommendations: In our opinion, certain key accounting personnel do not appear to have the requisite background or skills to perform their ongoing responsibilities without additional supervision and/or training. Town management should perform a thorough review of job descriptions and qualifications for accounting and accounting-related clerical positions and provide any necessary additional supervision or training.

At the same time, the present computer system should be evaluated to determine where areas of weakness exist from a financial control perspective. Identified areas of weakness should be corrected where possible and practical; strengthened accounting routines and procedures could mitigate some of the inherent weaknesses in the current system.

MANAGERIAL OVERVIEW

Observation: As a result of our foregoing observations, it appears that the management of the Town is not receiving, and therefore is not using or monitoring, basic financial information or reports other than the annual financial report. The monthly financial information being generated is not meaningful from a managerial standpoint due to the areas of weakness identified above.

Recommendation: As a final recommendation, we suggest that Town

management implement a plan to upgrade the quality, timeliness and accuracy of the Town's financial information, and that this upgraded information be reviewed on a regular and timely basis in managing the financial affairs and budgetary controls of the Town of Belmont.

CONCLUSION

We would be happy to discuss in greater detail with Town officials any of the points outlined above, or to provide assistance in implementing any of the foregoing recommendations.

Nathan Wechsler & Company
Concord, New Hampshire

Report of State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belmont

Your summary Inventory of Property Valuation and Statement of Appropriations have been approved. You may proceed with the assessment of 1988 taxes on the basis of the following figures.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Net Assessed Valuation | \$102,745,990 |
| Taxes Committed to Collector: | |
| Town Property Taxes Assessed | \$ 4,859,885 |
| Precinct Taxes Assessed | <u> </u> |
| Total Gross Property Taxes | \$ 4,859,885 |
| Less: Est. War Service Tax Credits | <u>21,200</u> |
| Net Property Tax Commitment | \$ 4,838,685 |
| Tax Rate- Town | \$47.30 |
| Precinct | \$ |
| Precinct | \$ |
| Precinct | \$ |

In the event any adjustment was made in the Appropriations Section, we have enclosed a copy of the changes. Revenues and Credits have been approved as shown on the enclosed copy of the third page of the Statement of Appropriation. In accordance with RSA 21-J:35,II, we also enclose a written explanation of the change.

The net amounts approved for school, county and precincts are indicated below. These amounts are the total monies which should be transferred to each of these units of government.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Net School Appropriations | \$3,646,035 |
| County Tax Assessment | \$ 292,957 |
| Net Precinct Appropriation(1) | \$ -0- |

In arriving at the above approved rate the Overlay has been set in the amount of \$39,200.

Very Truly Yours,

Barbara T. Reid
Director

Selectmen's Report

In 1988, we are pleased to report that the state-aided reconstruction of Main Street was finished. It is a pleasure to see the new sidewalks and fresh paving in the village area. In conjunction with this project the Town also completed the redesign and paving of the Library parking lot. With this accomplished, Judy Pilliod of the Beautification Committee worked to have the watering trough in place by Old Home Day. Late in the year, we were able to finish the work on extending the sidewalks down Main Street to School Street Extension. Through a cooperative agreement with the Shaker Regional School District, we will be able to keep the sidewalks plowed (when the snow arrives). The Board of Selectmen owes a debt of gratitude to Frank Clairmont for his supervision of these projects.

At the annual Christmas Party, the Board of Selectmen had the pleasure of honoring the Employee and Citizen of the year. Frank Clairmont was awarded the 1988 Employee Award and Leslie Roberts was honored as Citizen of the Year. This is a tradition we hope to continue for many years.

During the summer and into the fall, the Town of Belmont, in conjunction with the State of New Hampshire, replaced the South Road Bridge. Much work was done to raise the road to prevent flooding problems and we hope to continue this effort through appropriations in the 1989 Budget.

A special committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in April 1988. The Public Safety Building Committee has worked diligently over the last ten months to present a complete and comprehensive plan for a Public Safety Building to the voters at Town Meeting. The Board wishes to thank them for all their efforts.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Boards, Committees and Commissions and Town employees for their assistance and cooperation.

Ronald Mitchell, Chairman
George Condodemetraky
Richard Bolduc

Belmont Recreation Commission

The Recreation Committee held a very successful Summer Program, under the direction of Ed Sharon, for children from the ages of six to twelve which ran for eight weeks.

It was the plan of the Commission to start a winter program for the youth of the community and under the direction of Robert Harper and Bradley Lawrence we were able to build a skating rink at Sargent Park with help from the Town Highway and Fire Departments. We were also able to put up lights so the area residents could do some night-skating, as well as erect a building for them to put on and take off their skates. We indeed hope to provide this recreational sport again this next year.

As we all know, the Town of Belmont is growing rapidly, and your help and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all of you who helped in making our Recreation Program a success. It takes the help of everyone to make a successful program work.

Robert Harper
Dorothy Pearl
Renee Jesseman
Bradley Lawrence

Current Land Use Report

| Classification | No. of Owners | No. of Acres |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| Farm Land | 79 | 1,128.99 |
| Forest Land | 93 | 4,602.63 |
| Wildland | 64 | 1,740.40 |
| Recreation Land | 1 | 19.60 |
| Wetland | 37 | 322.62 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 274 | 7,814.24 |
| Total Value of Land under Current Land Use | | \$2,861,600 |

Schedule of Town Property As of December 31, 1988

| Description | Map | Lot | Value |
|---|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| 1. Town Hall, Lands and Buildings | | | 52,950.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | | | 51,859.00 |
| 2. Libraries, Lands and Buildings | | | 47,850.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | | | 6,545.00 |
| 3. Police Department, Lands and Buildings | | | — |
| Equipment | | | 59,001.00 |
| Parking Meters | | | — |
| 4. Fire Department, Lands and Buildings | | | 61,430.00 |
| Equipment | | | 155,910.00 |
| 5. Highway Department, Lands and Buildings | | | 31,320.00 |
| Equipment | | | 273,685.00 |
| Materials and Supplies | | | 1,470.00 |
| 6. Parks, Commons and Playgrounds | | | 57,820.00 |
| 7. Water Supply Facilities, if owned by Town | | | 1,700.00 |
| 8. Electric Light Plant, if owned by Town | | | — |
| 9. Sewer Plant & Facilities, if owned by Town | | | 1,900,000.00 |
| 10. Schools, Lands and Buildings, Equipment | | | 2,011,110.00 |
| 11. Airports, if owned by Town | | | — |
| 12. All Lands and Buildings acquired through | | | |
| Tax Collectors, deeds | 5 | 32 | 13,550.00 |
| (Give assessed valuation of property | 5 | 33 | 31,740.00 |
| so taken, each piece separately) | 6 | 13 | 5,000.00 |
| | 27 | 25 | 10,300.00 |
| | 27 | 71 | 4,550.00 |
| | 30 | 57 | 1,300.00 |
| 13. All Other Property and Equipment: | | | |
| (Give description) | | | |
| Ten Parcels either deeded to or purchased by the Town of Belmont | | | 47,150.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$4,826,240.00 |

**Statement of Appropriations,
Expenditures and Revenues
Assessed for the Tax Year 1988**

| | Actual Appropriations | Actual Expenditures |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | 30,196 | 32,482 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 131,635 | 132,196 |
| Election & Registration Expense | 3,900 | 4,160 |
| Cemeteries | 900 | 920 |
| General Government Buildings | 21,630 | 25,441 |
| Reappraisal of Property | 28,088 | 26,016 |
| Planning and Zoning | 38,319 | 46,252 |
| Legal/Ambulance Expenses | 9,200 | 11,876 |
| Advertising & Regional Association | -0- | -0- |
| Contingency Fund | 2,000 | 292 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | |
| Police Department | 314,472 | 313,687 |
| Fire Department | 157,778 | 143,476 |
| Civil Defense | 500 | -0- |
| Hydrant Rental | 10,000 | 12,000 |
| Winnisquam Fire Department | 18,000 | 13,000 |
| HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES | | |
| Town Maintenance | 143,328 | 137,360 |
| General Highway Dept. Expenses | 125,700 | 108,425 |
| Street Lighting | 8,000 | 9,256 |
| SANITATION | | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 229,482 | 247,263 |
| Garbage Removal | 84,519 | 89,910 |
| HEALTH | | |
| Health Department | 10,588 | 12,028 |
| Hospitals & Ambulances | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Animal Control | 6,620 | 6,002 |
| Lakes Region Community Health | 14,059 | 14,059 |
| Belknap County C.A.P. | 2,949 | 2,949 |
| Lakes Region Family Services | 2,500 | 2,500 |

| | Actual Appropriations | Actual Expenditures |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WELFARE | | |
| General Assistance | 10,000 | 15,905 |
| Youth Services Bureau | 10,071 | 10,071 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | |
| General Government | 2,900 | 2,844 |
| Fire Department | 185,357 | 184,696 |
| Police Department | 28,393 | 28,083 |
| Highway Department | 26,500 | 24,876 |
| Conservation Commission | 2,900 | 2,900 |
| W.R.B.P. | 6,460 | 9,411 |
| Property Appraisal | 65,000 | 14,400 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | |
| Principal on Long-Term Bonds & Notes | 309,855 | 315,809 |
| Int. Expense—Long-Term Bonds & Notes | 252,566 | 247,699 |
| Int. Expense—Tax Anticipation Notes | 25,000 | 28,475 |
| Fiscal Charges on Debt | 2,000 | 2,317 |
| CULTURE AND RECREATION | | |
| Library | 16,550 | 16,552 |
| Parks and Recreation | 8,500 | 8,524 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 2,350 | 2,127 |
| Conservation Commission | 704 | 684 |
| Beautification Committee | 250 | 299 |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT | | |
| Payment to Capital Reserve | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | |
| Municipal Water Department | 58,903 | 58,903 |
| Municipal Sewer Department | 70,188 | 70,188 |
| FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions | 57,520 | 56,800 |
| Insurance | 133,654 | 124,089 |
| Unemployment Compensation | 1,500 | 7 |
| Hydropower Payments | 9,050 | 4,815 |
| Reimbursable Expenses | 14,500 | 15,664 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | 2,735,934 | 2,678,728 |
| SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS | 3,646,035 | |
| COUNTY TAX | 292,957 | |
| TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN | 138,473.24 | |
| TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES | 650,000 | |
| Net Town Appropriations | | 993,966 |
| Net School Appropriations | | 3,646,035 |
| County Tax Assessment | | 292,957 |
| Total of Town, School & County | | 4,932,958 |
| Deduct: Business Profits Tax | | 133,473 |
| Add: Veterans Exemptions | | 21,200 |
| Add: Overlay | | 39,200 |
| Property Taxes to be Raised | | 4,859,885 |
| 1988 Tax Rate: Town | | 9.96 |
| School | | 34.56 |
| County | | 2.78 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 47.30 |

| LESS; ESTIMATED REVENUES | Estimated | Actual |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| TAXES | | |
| Resident Taxes | -0- | -0- |
| Interest & Penalties on Taxes | 60,000 | 52,415 |
| Yield Tax | 50,000 | 81,106 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES — State | | |
| Highway Block Grant | 84,635 | 84,635 |
| Shared Revenues | 150,000 | 204,474 |
| Water Pollution Projects | 92,085 | 92,085 |
| Railroad Tax | 500 | 1,359 |
| LICENSES AND PERMITS | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 350,000 | 446,574 |
| Dog Licenses | 1,500 | 1,690 |
| Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | 19,000 | 24,333 |
| Cable TV Commissions | 5,500 | 7,553 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | |
| Income from Departments | 20,000 | 17,654 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | |
| Interest on Deposits | 47,000 | 65,927 |
| Sale of Town Property | | |
| Welfare Reimbursements | 750 | 30 |
| Dog Track Racing Fees | 40,000 | 35,200 |
| Ambulance Fees | 7,000 | 33,721 |
| Reimbursable Expenses | 8,000 | 20,467 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | |
| Income from Water & Sewer Depts. | 349,199 | 361,059 |
| Withdrawal from Capital Reserve | 205,000 | 129,321 |
| Revenue Sharing Fund | -0- | -0- |
| Fund Balance | 150,000 | 429,173 |
| MMSTV Sewer Reimbursement | 17,000 | -0- |
| Hydropower Generation | 26,000 | 3,745 |
| Bond Proceeds | -0- | -0- |
| | <u>1,683,169</u> | <u>2,092,521</u> |

Town Treasurer's Annual Report

| | Balance 01-01-88 | Receipts | Disbursements | Balance 12-31-88 |
|---|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| BELKNAP BANK & TRUST | | | | |
| Town Savings | \$1,116,886.77 | \$6,978,047.32 | \$7,323,479.40 | \$771,454.69 |
| Town Checking | 30,388.60 | \$6,731,952.53 | 6,760,494.83 | 1,846.30 |
| Sewer Department: | | | | |
| Village Savings | 58,293.76 | 189,650.44 | 164,000.00 | 83,944.20 |
| Village Checking | 338.98 | 84,187.60 | 83,619.32 | 907.26 |
| Road Construction and Landfill Closeout: | | | | |
| Savings | 839,215.16 | 38,112.50 | 280,031.50 | 597,296.16 |
| S.A.R. Savings | 91,916.90 | 3,995.46 | 95,912.36 | -0- |
| LACONIA PEOPLES BANK & TRUST | | | | |
| Winnis. Sewer Savings | 49,185.88 | 199,147.77 | 174,500.40 | 73,833.25 |
| Winnis. Sewer Checking | 2,385.88 | 174,773.28 | 175,371.39 | 1,787.77 |
| Village Water Savings | 44,451.96 | 2,500.41 | -0- | 46,952.37 |
| Winnisquam Water Savings | 7,867.43 | 421.94 | -0- | 8,289.37 |
| Payroll Checking | 10,666.21 | 938,335.60 | 938,606.94 | 10,394.87 |
| FIRST DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK | | | | |
| Village Water—Checking | 13,327.01 | 47,482.03 | 33,770.98 | 27,038.06 |
| Winnisquam Water— Checking | 6,911.81 | 10,856.07 | 6,656.00 | 11,111.88 |
| Conservation Commission | 1,601.90 | 1,508.12 | 1,433.67 | 1,676.35 |
| Escrow Accounts | 22,242.40 | 20,000.00 | -0- | 42,242.40 |
| Ambulance Fund | 12,238.81 | 11,083.76 | 22,000.00 | 1,322.57 |

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Moynihan
Town Treasurer

Water Department Rents**DR**

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Uncollected 12-31-87 | |
| Village | \$ 2,729.82 |
| Winnisquam | -0- |
| Added Rents | |
| Village | \$ 62,848.43 |
| Winnisquam | 13,416.50 |
| Interest | |
| Village | \$ 100.35 |
| Winnisquam | 3.70 |
| Excess Debit | |
| Village | 45.17 |
| | <u>\$79,143.97</u> |

CR

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | |
| Village | \$51,006.12 |
| Winnisquam | 10,574.27 |
| Interest | |
| Village | \$ 100.35 |
| Winnisquam | 3.70 |
| Abated | |
| Village | \$ 2,553.96 |
| Uncollected | |
| Village | \$12,273.96 |
| Winnisquam | \$2,887.40 |
| Less Excess Credit | |
| Village | \$ 255.79 |
| | <u>\$79,143.97</u> |

Sewer Department Rents

DR

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Uncollected 12-31-87 | |
| Village | \$ 8,578.92 |
| Winnisquam | 8,509.91 |
| Added Rents | |
| Village | \$223,636.82 |
| Winnisquam | 175,657.65 |
| Interest | |
| Village | \$ 566.29 |
| Winnisquam | 416.47 |
| Excess Debit | |
| Village | 104.98 |
| | <u>\$417,471.04</u> |

CR

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | |
| Village | \$149,474.88 |
| Winnisquam | 134,480.43 |
| Interest | |
| Village | \$ 566.29 |
| Winnisquam | 416.47 |
| Abated | |
| Village | \$ 186.91 |
| Winnisquam | 337.02 |
| Uncollected | |
| Village | \$ 82,448.97 |
| Winnisquam | 48,952.02 |
| Less Excess Credit | 608.05 |
| | <u>\$417,471.04</u> |

Tax Collector Accounts 1988

| | DR | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 1988 | 1987 | 1986 | P/Y |
| UNCOLLECTED 12-31-88 | | | | |
| Property | | 510,218.28 | 2,282.08 | 456.00 |
| Yield | | 242.79 | | |
| Current Use Penalty | | 13,230.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| Taxes Committed to Collector: | | | | |
| Property | 4,846,843.00 | | | |
| Yield | 8,141.08 | | | |
| Current Use Penalty | 72,960.00 | | | |
| Added Taxes | | | | |
| Property | 3,703.00 | 61.78 | | |
| Boat | 13,988.10 | | | |
| Over Payments | | | | |
| Property | 1,248.00 | 109.65 | | |
| Interest | 6,842.09 | 45,588.36 | 324.77 | 896.30 |
| Totals | 4,953,725.27 | 569,450.86 | 2,606.85 | 2,852.30 |
| CR | | | | |
| Remitted | | | | |
| Property | 3,946,113.96 | 508,417.36 | 718.08 | 456.00 |
| Yield | 6,786.34 | | | |
| Boat | 13,988.10 | | | |
| Current Use | 65,460.00 | 7,500.00 | | |
| Abated | | | | |
| Property | 8,340.45 | 670.00 | | |
| Yield | 275.34 | | | |
| Current Use | 500.00 | | | |
| Uncollected | | | | |
| Property | 897,339.59 | 1,302.35 | 1,564.00 | |
| Yield | 1,079.40 | 242.79 | | |
| Current Use | 7,000.00 | 5,730.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| Interest | 6,842.09 | 45,588.36 | 324.77 | 896.30 |
| Totals | 4,953,725.27 | 569,450.86 | 2,606.85 | 2,852.30 |

Tax Sale Accounts—1988

| | DR | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1988 | 1987 | 1986 | P/Y |
| Unredeemed 12/31/88 | | | | |
| Town | | 51,061.18 | 41,170.79 | 13,280.83 |
| Others | | 32,814.68 | 5,004.50 | |
| Tax Lien - 9/9/88 | 138,473.24 | | | |
| Subsequent Taxes | | | | |
| Others | 5,208.00 | 39,118.68 | | |
| Interest & Costs After Sale | | | | |
| Town | 1,187.51 | 2,201.34 | 8,252.61 | 5,712.28 |
| Others | | 1,932.18 | 1,927.04 | |
| Subs. Tax, Others | 5.54 | 467.65 | | |
| Total | 144,874.29 | 127,595.71 | 56,354.94 | 18,993.11 |
| CR | | | | |
| Redemptions Remitted | | | | |
| Town | 42,531.98 | 19,784.55 | 29,898.28 | 11,962.83 |
| Others | | 15,498.31 | 4,815.15 | |
| Subs. Tax, Others | 2,061.15 | 9,999.00 | | |
| Interest & Costs | | | | |
| Town | 1,187.51 | 2,201.34 | 8,252.61 | 5,712.28 |
| Others | | 1,932.18 | 1,927.04 | |
| Subs. Tax, Others | 5.54 | 467.65 | | |
| Unredeemed 12/31/88 | | | | |
| Town | 95,941.26 | 31,276.63 | 11,272.51 | 1,318.00 |
| Others | | 17,316.37 | 189.35 | |
| Subs. Tax, Others | 3,146.85 | 29,119.68 | | |
| Total | 144,874.29 | 127,595.71 | 56,354.94 | 18,993.11 |

Town Indebtedness

| Item | Maturity | Bank | Interest Rate | | Principal | 1989 Payments Interest | Due Date |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Winnisquam Sewer Project | 1992 | N.H. Municipal Bond Bank | 10.33% | 455,000.00 (state-185,512.00) | 95,000.00 | 23,693.75 18,825.00 | 3/1 9/1 |
| Village Sewer Project | 2004 | N.H. Municipal Bond Bank | 9.57% | 910,000.00 (state-208,920.00) | - 60,000.00 | 41,323.14 43,946.25 | 1/15 7/15 |
| MMSTV Sewer Line Extension | 1995 | N.H. Municipal Bond Bank | 7.08% | 80,000.00 | - | 2,867.50 | 5/15 |
| Winnipisaukee River Basin Project | 1996 | State of New Hampshire | 9.00% | 78,836.72 | 15,000.00 | 2,867.50 | 11/15 |
| Landfill Engineering Bond | 1992 | N.H. Municipal Bond Bank | 6.72% | 40,000.00 | 9,854.59 | 5,479.60 | 7/1 |
| Road Reconstruction/Landfill | 1997 | N.H. Municipal Bond Bank | 6.40% | 1,170,000.00 | - | 1,432.50 1,432.50 | 1/15 7/15 |
| | | | | | 10,000.00 | 38,057.50 | 1/15 |
| | | | | | 130,000.00 | 38,057.50 | 7/15 |

Civil Defense Report

We are ever so grateful to report that this past year we did not have any flooding or major disaster to call your Civil Defense into service. However, we are ready whenever the need arises.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Department, Fire Department and Highway Department for the time and effort they have given us in the past and know they will respond when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Harper
Civil Defense Director

Conservation Commission

The Commission's main program for the year 1988 was the implementation of a prime wetlands inventory of six of Belmont's principal bogs, marshes and swamps.

Several members of the commission were involved with New England Environmental Association, the planners of the wetlands map, by participating in field trips on all delineated locations. In so doing we all came back with a greater appreciation of the intrinsic value of our wetlands.

Dr. Ken DeHart, working in conjunction with the Lakes Region Planning Commission, has formulated a Billboard Ordinance Proposal — a project which should improve the highway image in Belmont.

The Commission was involved in thirty-five dredge-and-fill inspections plus fifteen follow-up reviews. One cease and desist was issued. Commissioner Alden Howard of the N.H. WSPCC requested the City of Laconia to cease the dumping of snow into the Winnepesaukee River. We also received assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stating that Laconia was in violation of Section 404 of the Clean Waters Act. Hopefully these actions will finally resolve the problem of snow dumping with its sand, trash, oil, garbage, etc.

The Commission is pleased to report that Marie Goetz is a new member of the Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted

Hyman Steiman, Chairman

Maxwell Perkins, Vice Chairman

Brian Watterson, Secretary

Dr. Kenneth DeHart

Lester Patt

Lori Horn

Marie Goetz

Morrison Booth

Fire Department Report

The Belmont Fire Department responded to a total of 509 calls in 1987 which is a decrease of 35 calls over 1987.

| Breakdown of Calls | 1988 | 1987 | |
|-----------------------|------|------|----------------------|
| Fire Emergency | 168 | 115 | Increase of 53 calls |
| Medical Calls | 265 | 264 | Increase of 1 call |
| Mutual Aid Calls | 24 | 45 | Decrease of 21 calls |
| Special Service Calls | 52 | 120 | Decrease of 68 calls |

The members of the department put in a total of 4,301 hours responding to emergency calls, training, work sessions and meetings. During 1988 two more members became state certified level I firefighters which brings the total of certified firefighters in the department up to 19. The department also has 15 National Registered E.M.T.'s. As in the past many hours are put in by the members on training so we can provide the best possible service to the residents of Belmont when we are called for. As Fire Chief I would like to thank the members of the department for the outstanding support and time that they have put in over the past year.

After reviewing the total amount of emergency calls that we responded to in 1988, the increase of 53 fire calls shows that with the increase of growth in town our emergency fire calls will be more and more each year. In two of the structure fires that we had last year, the cause was people deep frying food. In these two fires the people that were doing the cooking left the kitchen area for only a few minutes to do something else. Most fires that we respond to are the result of someone being careless. With a 32% increase of fire in 1988 I would like to caution everyone to be more careful. As I have stated before the best insurance policy we have is when the trucks are in the station and not being used.

During 1988 the department has been working very close with the building committee on the new proposed Public Safety building. Meetings were held almost every Wednesday night throughout the year and a plan was finalized by the committee in December to bring before the townspeople at the 1989 town meeting. At the 1988 town meeting a proposed life safety building lost by 11 votes and hopefully the new proposed building will pass this year. At last years' meeting questions were asked by citizens that could not be answered by the committee. These questions that could not be answered last year have been taken care of by the present building committee. If anyone would like to see our present station any member of the department would be more than happy to show them. I am sure that if anyone goes through the

present station they would see that we are in bad need for a new fire station. The land that would be used for the new station was purchased in 1980 for \$15,000.00 and since 1980 we have been put on hold because of other needs within the town. Hopefully this year with all questions and problems taken care of we will be able to get this new building which is needed by both the fire department and police department.

In early December two members of the department flew out to Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin to take delivery of our new fire truck. This new piece of apparatus has improved the operations of the department with the ability to reach the scene of emergencies much faster and it is much more functional. The unit carries 1,000 gallons of water, 30 gallons of foam, and has a 1,500 gallon per minute pump. The power train, compartments, pump, and chassis are set up the same as our 1983 Pierce fire truck so that everything is standard between the two trucks. For safety reasons the cabs on these two trucks are made for four people and this allows personnel to be seated and strapped in with seat belts. The day of the firefighter hanging off the rear step is over. Too many firefighters have been killed or injured by falling from the rear step.

Again this year I want to remind everyone that fire permits are needed when doing any outside burning. Permits will be issued at the fire station Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. If a permit is needed for the weekend, the permit will be issued on Friday for the weekend. Permits will only be issued at the fire station.

At this time I would like to thank our Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Town office personnel, other department heads and committees and the citizens of Belmont for their support.

Respectfully submitted
Albert J. Akerstrom III
Fire Chief

Annual Report of the Winnisquam Fire Department

The Winnisquam Fire Department answered 267 calls for assistance during 1988. Breakdown of our calls by basic type and town location is as follows:

| | Belmont | Sanbornton | Tilton | Meredith |
|-----------------|---------|------------|--------|----------|
| Structure Fires | 14 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Rescue Calls | | | | |
| Medical | 48 | 43 | 53 | 1 |
| Boat Accidents | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chimney Fires | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Brush Fires | 13 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Auto Fires | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| False Alarms | 17 | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| Other | 11 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Total | 111 | 70 | 72 | 2 |

In addition the department responded to 12 mutual aid calls

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Structure Fires | -3 |
| Cover Truck | -7 |
| Medical | -2 |

Present vehicles in use:

- 1 - 1968 International 750 gal. pump 1000 gal. tank
- 1 - 1961 International 1000 gal. pump 1000 gal. tank
- 1 - 1980 Ford Rescue vehicle
- 1 - Forestry Jeep
- 1 - Rescue Boat

Regular business meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. Officers' meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., and special meetings are held as needed.

The department consists of 25 active members, four of whom are Emergency Medical Technicians qualified for defibrillator use (advanced life support). The defibrillator was purchased in 1987. Its cost was shared equally by Belmont, Tilton and Sanbornton and ¼ of the funds were raised by members of W.F.D.

Training sessions and drills in cold water rescue, CPR, pump training and fire fighting were held throughout the year and Fire School attended by members.

The new officers' and meeting/training room has now been completed. Most of the work was done by members over the past 3 years.

The department purchased a fire/rescue boat in August 1988 through donations and fund raisers.

The annual Carole Davis Memorial Christmas party was held for the children in the Winnisquam area.

The Winnisquam Fire Department would like to thank the community for its continuing and ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige L. Goulding
Clerk - WFD

**Report of the Town Forest Fire Warden
and State Forest Ranger**

Between July 1987 and June 1988, we experienced more fires than normal. The three leading causes of forest fires were again children, fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden and debris burning. All causes are preventable, but only with **your** help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden, Concord Forest Protection Headquarters at (603) 271-2217, or local Forest Ranger.

On January 1, 1989, the Deceptive Forestry Business Practices Law (RSA 224:54) goes into effect. This law, in summary, states that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, in the course of buying or selling a forest product, uses a false weight or measure for falsely determining any quality or quantity of a forest product. For more information, contact one of the persons mentioned above.

Forest Fire Statistics - 1988

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number Fires Statewide | Acres Burned Statewide | Cost of Suppression Statewide |
| 498 | 509.10 | \$78,144.93 |
| Number Fires District | Acres Burned District | Cost of Suppression District |
| 53 | 34½ | \$12,604 |
| Number Fires Town | Acres Burned Town | Cost of Suppression Town |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Report of the Code Enforcement Officer

The Code Enforcement Officer's responsibilities are the enforcement of all the Town Codes. With the help of all the Departments in the Town of Belmont we are trying to stop all violators. As your Health Officer, one problem that we are facing are new leach fields that have been failing after three to four years in use. For the most part, it seems to be the new homes that have garbage disposal systems, dishwashers, and water softener devices hooked up to the septic system. To help the cost of replacing these systems you should call water supply (sub surface) for the pamphlet they put out on individual septic systems.

Report for 1988 as follows:

47 septic designs

15 septic repairs

10 day care and foster home inspections

200 phone calls and inquiries

I would like to take this time to thank the Selectmen, Town Administrator and all other departments for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Clairmont
Health Officer

Report of The Building Inspector

New Construction for The Town of Belmont

| Type of Construction | # of Bldgs. | # of Units | Cost of Construction | Avg. Per Bldg. |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Single Family | 61 | 61 | \$ 3,617,680 | \$59,388 |
| Two Family | 1 | 2 | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| 3 or More Family | 13 | 52 | 1,820,000 | 140,000 |
| Mobile Homes | 13 | 13 | 321,268 | 24,712 |
| Commercial/Industrial | 35 | — | 3,899,286 | 125,783 |
| Additions | 84 | — | 748,991 | 8,916 |
| Garages Residential | 30 | — | 251,028 | 8,367 |
| Other | 40 | — | 190,047 | 4,751 |
| Total | 277 | | \$10,918,300 | |

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard Siegel
 Building Inspector

Town Clerk's Report

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Auto Registrations | 447,057.00 |
| Dog Licenses incl. Kennels | 1,895.50 |
| Recordings and Discharges | 3,054.75 |
| Marriages | 920.00 |
| Copies | 1,004.20 |
| Filing Fees | 12.00 |
| Title Application Fees | <u>1,870.00</u> |
| Total Collected | 455,813.45 |
| Total remitted to Treasurer | 455,813.45 |

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees of Trust Funds have completed the changeover to computer and to the management of Susan Dupuis. After the fine survey of the Town's cemeteries by Kenneth Roeder, who resigned, Audrey Ekberg succeeded him. She has supervised the work and completion of it by Laconia Monument Company.

Work has also begun on two additional cemeteries.

We have made a small request of the Town to facilitate rehabilitation. In any event, we shall pursue this goal for we feel it's of importance in maintaining our cemeteries.

Louis Wuelper

Susan Dupuis

Audrey Ekberg

BELMONT TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS.

You are hereby notified to meet for the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden in two sessions as follows:

FIRST SESSION

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 14th day of March next, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend the Belmont Zoning and Assessment Map to Change Tax Map #21, Lot 47-001 (as approved at the May 19, 1988 Planning Board Meeting,) (St. Joseph Church Property, Route 106) from Village Zone to Commercial Zone. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend the Belmont Zoning and Assessment Map to change Tax Map 8, Lot 5-24 (Paquette Property, Route 106 & Seavey Road) from Residential Multi-Family Zone to Commercial Zone. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend the Belmont Zoning and Assessment Map to change Tax Map 5, Lot 15 (Labrie Property, Dearborn Street) from Residential-Multi Family Zone to Industrial Zone. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend the Belmont Zoning and Assessment Map to change Tax Map

6, Lot 009-001 (Magee Property, Concord Street & 106) from the Village Zone to Industrial Zone. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend the Belmont Zoning and Assessment Map to change Tax Map 8, Lot 51 (Carista Property, Lamprey Road) from the Rural Zone to Residential-Single Family Zone. (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend the Belmont Zoning and Assessment Map to change Tax Map 6, Lot 7 (McCarthy Property, Wareing Road) from the Industrial Zone to Rural Zone. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend Article 5, Table 1 to permit mixed use living units within a commercial structure. (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend Article 5, Table 2 to allow a minimum lot size of 2 acres with 150 ft. frontage and 50 ft. side and rear setbacks in a rural zone. (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

To amend Table 1, (Permitted Use Table) to allow manufactured homes, as defined by the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, in the Rural and Village Zones. (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

To amend Article X BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, Section A, paragraph 2, to provide as follows: Initially, lengths of terms shall be: 2 at 3 years, 2 at 2 years and 1 at 1 year. Vacancies at times other than the expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectment for the remainder of the term. Vacancies caused by the expiration of a term shall

be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen, for a three year term. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

NOTE: AN OFFICIAL COPY OF THE ABOVE AMENDMENTS ARE ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK, AND WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY AT THE ROLAND S. KIMBALL AUDITORIUM, BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL ON THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

SECOND SESSION

The SECOND SESSION shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 18th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300,000.00 and to authorize the issuance of notes or bonds in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 for the purpose of building a Public Safety Complex, and for the purchase of land as a site therefor. Said funds shall be expended for the design, construction and other related items. (Ballot vote; 2/3 majority needed for passage.)
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 and to authorize the issuance of notes or bonds in the amount of \$80,000 for the purpose of an engineering study and design preparations for solving the water quality problem for the Village Water District. (Ballot vote; 2/3 majority needed for passage.)
3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following article:

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-f for the adjusted elderly exemptions from property tax? These statutes provide for the following exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$10,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$12,000, and own assets of \$30,000 or less, excluding the value of the persons' residence. (Ballot vote; simple majority)

4. To hear and act upon the reports of committees.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year and to issue in the name of and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefor and to renew or refund any notes that may be issued for a period shorter than one year from the date of the original loan.
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend Federal and/or State grants, which may become available during the course of the year, and also to accept and expend money from any other government unit or private source to be used for the purposes for which the Town may legally appropriate money; provided; (1) that such grants and other monies do not require the expenditure of any Town funds, unless previously appropriated; (2) that a Public Hearing shall be held by the Selectmen prior to the receipt and expenditure of such grants and monies; and (3) that such items shall be exempt from all provisions of RSA 32 relative to limitation and expenditure of Town monies, all as provided by RSA 31:95-b.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell either at public auction or by advertised sealed bids, and to convey any tax liens upon real estate acquired by the town as a result of the execution of the real estate liens by the tax collector or real estate acquired by the town by tax collector's deed.
8. To see what the Town will do with the income from the John M. Sargent Fund.
9. To see if the Town of Belmont will vote to appoint the Planning Board, pursuant to RSA 673:2, (II)(c). Initial appointments will be 2 for 3 years, 2 for 2 years and 2 for 1 year. Vacancies at times other than the expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the term. Vacancies caused by the expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years. The Board of Selectmen shall also appoint alternates whose terms shall be three years.
10. To see what action the Town will take upon the budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.
11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$43,000 for the purpose of continuation of the revaluation of all property within the Town of Belmont, to be financed in the following manner:

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| Withdrawal from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund | \$35,000 |
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| To be raised by taxation | \$ 8,000 |
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Revaluation to be completed for the tax year 1989 or thereafter.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,000 for the purchase of a dump truck to be financed in the following manner:

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| Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Fund/Highway Dept. | \$42,000 |
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| To be raised by taxation | \$ -0- |
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13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000, contingent upon the equal participation of the Towns of Sanbornton and Tilton, to establish a capital reserve fund for the purchase of a fire engine by the Winnisquam Fire Department, Inc. and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the intent of the Town by making payment of said funds with the interest earned thereon to the Winnisquam Fire Department, Inc. in the year 1993 and 1994.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purpose of establishing a computer hardware maintenance account. This account will be under the authority of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer.
15. To see whether the Town will vote to pave the remaining portions of Elaine Drive, Sheila Drive, Pond Road and Circle Drive. The cost of paving these roads is approximately \$52,000. (By petition) Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)
16. To see if the Town will vote to install at least one street light on each corner of Sunset Drive, Pond Road, Nancy Drive, June Circle and Linda Drive. (By petition) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)
17. To see if the Town will vote to make the office of Road Agent an appointed position instead of an elected position, effective the date of the 1989 Town Meeting.
18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to grant an access and utility easement over Town-owned land to the Shaker Regional School District in the event that Ledger Parent conveys land to the Shaker Regional School District. Said easement would be 50 feet in width on the southeasterly side of Town-owned land described as Tax Map 6,

Lot 13. The 50-foot easement runs from Shaker Road to the back of the above-described piece of land.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a small portion of Town-owned land for the sum of \$1.00 to Ledger Parent in the event that Ledger Parent conveys land to the Shaker Regional School District. Said piece of land is a 100-foot-wide strip of land on the north-westerly side of Town-owned land described as Tax Map 6, Lot 13. The 100-foot-wide strip runs from Shaker Road to the back of the above-described piece of land.
20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to assess and collect from each person served, the sum of \$100.00 for each ambulance call provided by the Belmont Fire Department and to assess and collect from each person provided oxygen the sum of \$25.00. Said funds so received to become part of the general funds of the Town to be used to offset the estimated annual cost of \$35,400.00 to maintain said service.
21. To see whether the Town will vote to post all roads within the Sunray Shores Improvement Association with "NO THRU TRUCKING" signs. (By petition)
22. To see if the Town will vote to designate Cotton Hill Road as a scenic road as provided for in RSA 231:157 and outlined in RSA 231:158. (By petition)
23. To see if the Town will vote to amend Paragraph 14 of the Belmont Wetlands Ordinance to increase the fine for violations from \$10 to \$50 per day.
24. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the town's representatives to the General Court to respond to our solid waste crisis by taking all necessary measures to insure that New Hampshire adopt legislation that will permit consumers to return for refund of deposit within New Hampshire all soda, beer, wine cooler and liquor containers and that all unclaimed deposit monies shall be collected by the state and no less than 80% shall be returned annually to local municipalities for the sole purpose of implementing, expanding and reimbursing community recycling projects. (By petition)
25. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance:

WHEREAS, New Hampshire municipalities are empowered by RSA 31:39 (h) to regulate the conduct of public dances, and

WHEREAS, the holding of a public dance is the type of activity which

gathers together large numbers of people, involves the amplified playing of music and may involve the serving of liquor, and

WHEREAS, these ingredients, if unregulated, may create conditions which adversely impact the public safety, health and/or welfare,

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Belmont hereby enacts the following ordinance:

1. No public dances shall be conducted, nor public dance facilities operated, in the Town of Belmont without first obtaining a permit from the Board of Selectmen.
2. The Selectmen are empowered to set a fee for the issuance of said permit, which fee may be waived at their discretion.
3. No permits shall be valid for longer than one(1) year from the date of issuance and may be revoked at any time by the Board of Selectmen upon a showing of violations of the terms of this ordinance.
4. No dance held within the Town of Belmont shall be permitted which creates or will create noise or disturbance to persons occupying property beyond the boundaries of the land on which the dance is being conducted. The phrase "noise or disturbance" shall include, but not be limited to, patron noise, amplified music played by a live band and recorded amplified music. "Noise or disturbance" when referring to music, includes not only the volume of the music played but also its vibration or resonance.

EXCEPTIONS: A special school or Town function, an Old Home Day celebration or special day, such as the Fourth of July. (By petition)

26. To see if the Town will repeal the current Dance Ordinance upon adoption of Dance Ordinance proposed above. (By petition)
27. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue two roads known as Belmont and Tilton Avenues which are off Gardners Grove Road as described on a plan recorded at the Belknap Country Registry of Deeds entitled "Survey of Land, owned by Walter Brooks at Gardners Grove, Silver Lake, Belmont, NH." (By petition)
28. To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 231:43, to discontinue a section of Old Route 3 approximately 768.43 feet in length and of varying widths, generally 50 feet, beginning at the northwesterly side of new Route 3 between land of the State of New Hampshire and land of Eng and Chin and running in a generally northeasterly direction to a point

between land of Rushlow and Daniels, all as depicted on a survey plan prepared for this purpose by DMC Surveyors, Dean M. Clark, Licensed Land Surveyor, dated 2, February 1989. The Town shall retain an easement for 10 feet on either side of the center line of the existing sewer line. As consideration for this discontinuance, the Town will be conveyed a parcel of land owned by Anna G. Daniels containing 4355.64 square feet abutting the northerly end of the discontinued road so that a roadway can be built connecting Old Route 3 with the new Route 3. (By petition)

29. To see if the Town will vote to repeal section 6 and 7 of Chapter VII of the Town Ordinances and insert the following sections in place thereof:

CHAPTER VII TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

6. Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person, except a person driving an emergency vehicle, shall:
- I. Stop, stand or park a vehicle:
 - (a) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of a curb of a street;
 - (b) On a sidewalk;
 - (c) Within an intersection;
 - (d) On a crosswalk;
 - (e) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
 - (f) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a way or within a highway tunnel;
 - (g) On any railroad tracks;
 - (h) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
 - (i) In any parking place, whether on public or private property, specially designated for the physically handicapped by means of a sign stating that the space is reserved for the physically handicapped or displaying the wheelchair symbol as defined in RSA 275-C:9, I(a), unless that person has special number plates, a number plate decal or a tag or card issued pursuant to RSA 261:86, 87, or 88;
 - (j) On any controlled access highway;
 - (k) In the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers;

- (l) In an area specially designed and marked for "Fire Lane" used solely for emergency vehicles; or
- (m) So that said vehicle occupies a portion of more than one parking space as indicated by lines painted or durably marked on the curbing or surface of the street, unless said vehicle is too large to be confined in one such space.

II. Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:

- (a) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (b) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- (c) Within 10 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (d) Within 10 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- (e) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of said entrance when properly signposted; or
- (f) At any place where official signs prohibit standing.

III. Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers:

- (a) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing or
- (b) At any place where official signs prohibit parking. No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his/her control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as is unlawful.

7. Additional Parking Regulations.

I. Except as otherwise provided in this section every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of such vehicle parallel to the right-hand curb, or if upon a roadway where there are no curbs said vehicle shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of such vehicle parallel to the right-hand side of the traveled portion of the way.

II. Except when otherwise provided by local ordinance, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a one-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway, in the direction of authorized traffic movement with its right-hand wheels within 12 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, or its left-hand wheels within 12 inches of the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

III. SNOWBAN: No vehicle shall be parked upon any street in the Town of Belmont while snow removal operations are in effect. Any police officer, at his discretion, may remove or cause to be removed, any vehicle left upon any street when such vehicle is hindering snow removal. Every owner of a motor vehicle left on any street within the Town of Belmont by so leaving said vehicle consents to such removal and assumes thereby the costs of such removal, storage charges resulting therefrom, and waives thereby any claim against the Town of Belmont, for charges for any damages arising from such removal.

8. PENALTY

Any person who as owner or operator of any motor vehicle who violates any provisions of paragraph 6 or 7 shall be issued a parking violation notice which shall be affixed to the motor vehicle by any police officer and said owner or operator shall be charged fifteen dollars (\$15.00), except handicapped parking violations, which shall be charged fifty dollars (\$50.00) if payment is made to the Town Clerk's Office within seven (7) days. If payment is not made as aforesaid, the Chief of Police shall mail such owner or operator a written notice by certified mail requesting such payment plus the certified mail fee, and if said payment and fees are not received by the Town Clerk within seven (7) days, or if said written notice is returned by the Post Office because it could not be delivered, a complaint for violation of this ordinance shall be issued by the Police Chief and upon conviction of a violation of any provision of Chapter VII Paragraph 6 or 7, shall be penalized the same as for a violation under the criminal code of the State of New Hampshire. Proof of ownership of any vehicle operated in violation of this chapter shall be prima facie evidence that such owner operated said vehicle in violation of this chapter or permitted said vehicle to be operated in violation of this chapter, and in all cases where the owner shall permit another to operate said vehicle, said owner may be charged with any violation of this chapter by any such person.

30. To see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 4 of Chapter XI of the Town Ordinance and replace Section 4 with the following:

4. Dog Control Law

I. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such. For the purpose of

this section, "accompanied" means that the owner or custodian must be able to see or hear, or both, or have reasonable knowledge of where the dog is hunting, herding, or where training is being conducted or where trials are being held. Nothing herein provided shall mean that the dog must be within sight at all times.

II. In this section, "at large" means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog, unless accompanied by the owner or custodian.

III. Any authorized person may seize, impound or restrain any dog in violation of this section and deliver said dog to a person or shelter authorized to board dogs. Such dogs shall be handled as strays or abandoned dogs pursuant to applicable laws.

IV. PENALTY In addition to impounding a dog found at large or in violation of this section, any law enforcement officer may issue, in the name of the owner or keeper of such dog, a notice of violation. Such notice shall impose upon the owner or keeper of such dog a forfeiture of ten dollars (\$10.00), which must be paid to the Town Clerk within 96 hours of the date and time notice is given, in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty. In the event a second offense occurs, the owner or keeper of such dog shall be guilty of a violation as defined by the New Hampshire Criminal Code.

31. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Belmont Planning Board to prepare and present to the voters a Growth Management Ordinance for Town Meeting of March 1990.
32. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of relocated Horne Road, near the Crippen property, said old roadway being approximately 400 feet in length and of varying widths as shown on relocation plan prepared by Harold E. Johnson, Inc. dated February 13, 1989. This discontinuance is contingent upon the conveyance to the Town of an interest in and to the new Horne Road right-of-way as described on said plan.
33. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of relocated Hoadley Road, near the Purington property, said old roadway being approximately 440 feet in length and of varying widths as shown on relocation plan prepared by Harold E. Johnson, Inc. dated February 15, 1989. This discontinuance is contingent upon the conveyance to the Town of an interest in and to the new Hoadley Road right-of-way as described on said plan.
34. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given unto our hands and seals this _____ day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Ronald Mitchell

George Condodemetraky

Richard Bolduc
Selectmen, Town of Belmont

A true copy of warrant - attest:

Ronald Mitchell

George Condodemetraky

Richard Bolduc
Selectmen, Town of Belmont

Certification of Posting by Selectmen

We hereby certify that on the _____ day of February, 1989, we posted attested copies of the within warrant at the Town Hall, Belmont High School, being place of meeting within specified, and a like copy at Sarge's Market, a public place in said Town.

Ronald Mitchell

George Condodemetraky

Richard Bolduc
Selectmen, Town of Belmont

1989 Budget for the Town of Belmont

| | Actual Appropriations 1988 | Budget Recommended 1989 | Committee Not Recommended |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| Town Officers Salary | 30,196 | 33,531 | |
| Town Officers Expenses | 131,635 | 161,281 | |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 3,900 | 1,885 | |
| Cemeteries | 900 | 500 | |
| General Government Buildings | 21,630 | 29,712 | |
| Reappraisal of Property | 28,088 | 14,812 | |
| Planning and Zoning | 38,319 | -0- | |
| Legal/Ambulance Expenses | 9,200 | 16,500 | |
| Advertising & Regional Assoc. | -0- | -0- | |
| Contingency Fund | 2,000 | 2,000 | |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | |
| Police Department | 314,472 | 364,286 | |
| Fire Department | 157,778 | 158,841 | |
| Civil Defense | 500 | 500 | |
| Building Inspections | -0- | -0- | |
| Winnisquam Fire Department | 18,000 | 18,000 | |
| Hydrant Protection | 10,000 | 10,000 | |
| HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES | | | |
| Town Maintenance | 143,328 | 145,540 | |
| General Highway Dept. | 125,700 | 138,250 | |
| Street Lighting | 8,000 | 9,500 | |
| SANITATION | | | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 229,482 | 292,367 | |
| Garbage Removal | 84,519 | 97,000 | |
| HEALTH | | | |
| Health Department | 10,588 | -0- | |
| Hospitals and Ambulances | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| Animal Control | 6,620 | 4,150 | |
| Vital Statistics | -0- | -0- | |
| LR Community Health | 14,059 | 14,621 | |
| LR Family Service | 2,500 | 2,500 | |
| Belknap Cap | 2,949 | 3,067 | |
| LR Community Services Council | -0- | -0- | |

WELFARE

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| General Assistance | 10,000 | 14,000 |
| Youth Services Bureau | 10,071 | 10,794 |

CULTURE AND RECREATION

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| Library | 16,550 | 17,600 |
| Parks and Recreation | 8,500 | 8,500 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 2,350 | 2,350 |
| Conservation Commission | 704 | 554 |

DEBT SERVICE

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Principal of Long-Term | | |
| Bonds & Notes | 309,855 | 319,855 |
| Interest Expense-Long-Term | | |
| Bonds & Notes | 252,566 | 217,983 |
| Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation | | |
| Notes | 25,000 | 32,000 |
| Fiscal Charges on Debt | 2,000 | 2,500 |

CAPITAL OUTLAY

| | | | |
|------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| SEE AMENDED LIST | 327,410 | 1,596,992 | 13,675 |
|------------------|---------|-----------|--------|

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Payments to Capital Reserve | | |
| Funds: | 40,000 | 55,000 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Municipal Water Department | 58,903 | 60,500 | |
| Municipal Sewer Department | 70,188 | 109,272 | |
| Municipal Electric Department | | | |
| FICA, Retirement & Pension | | | |
| Contributions | 57,520 | 67,296 | |
| Insurance | 133,654 | 167,728 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 1,500 | 1,500 | |
| Hydropower | 9,050 | 9,050 | |
| Beautification Comm. | 250 | 750 | |
| Reimbursement Expenses | 14,500 | 9,500 | |
| Tuition Program | -0- | -0- | 5,000 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | 2,745,934 | 4,223,567 | 18,675 |

Capital Outlay

| Item | Selectmen's Budget Comm. | | Not |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Budget | Recommended | Recommended |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| Computer Equipment | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | |
| Typewriter | 1,000 | -0- | \$ 1,000 |
| Voting Machine | -0- | -0- | |
| Master Plan Update | 10,000 | 10,000 | |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | | | |
| Base Station Replacement | 3,222 | 3,020 | |
| Motorola MT-500 Radios | 4,798 | 1,980 | |
| Mobile Low Band Radios | 3,594 | 1,797 | |
| High Band Radios | 4,475 | -0- | 4,475 |
| Elkhart Nozzles | 1,500 | 1,500 | |
| Fire Helmets | 900 | 900 | |
| Department Car | -0- | -0- | |
| Astra Suits | 1,500 | 1,500 | |
| Base Station Installation | 1,400 | 600 | |
| Replacement Hose | -0- | 2,000 | |
| Truck Repair / #2 | -0- | -0- | |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | | | |
| Cruisers | 42,000 | 42,000 | |
| Camera Equipment | 1,400 | 1,400 | |
| Shotgun | 250 | 250 | |
| Training Console | 1,500 | -0- | 1,500 |
| Office Equipment | 700 | 700 | |
| Typewriter | 1,000 | -0- | 1,000 |
| Radar Unit | 1,700 | -0- | 1,700 |
| Computer Equipment | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| Protective Equipment | 2,215 | 2,215 | |
| HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | | | |
| Culverts | 2,500 | 1,500 | |
| York Rake | 4,000 | -0- | 4,000 |
| Dump Truck | 42,000 | 42,000 | |
| South Road Paving | 20,000 | 20,000 | |

SEWER/SANITATION

| | | |
|-------|--------|--------|
| WRBP | 9,280 | 9,280 |
| Truck | 18,000 | 18,000 |

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Public Safety Building | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 |
| Fire Alarm Installation | 3,350 | 3,350 |

PROPERTY APPRAISAL

| | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Town Revaluation | 43,000 | 43,000 |
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | | |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Wetlands Map | 3,500 | 3,500 |
|--------------|-------|-------|

CEMETERIES

| | | |
|------------|-------|-------|
| Cemeteries | 2,000 | 2,000 |
|------------|-------|-------|

WATER DEPARTMENT

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Engineering Fees | <u>80,000</u> | <u>80,000</u> | |
| | \$1,615,284 | \$1,596,992 | \$13,675 |

Sources of Revenue

| | Estimated Revenues 1988 | Selectmen's Budget 1989 | Estimated Revenues 1989 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TAXES | | | |
| Resident Taxes | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Yield Taxes | 50,000 | 60,000 | 70,000 |
| Interest & Penalties on Taxes | 60,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| Inventory Penalties | -0- | 0 - | |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES — STATE | | | |
| Shared Revenue-Block Grant | 150,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| Highway Block Grant | 84,635 | 94,161 | 94,161 |
| Railroad Tax | 500 | 600 | 600 |
| State Aid Water Pollution Projects | 92,085 | 91,018 | 91,018 |
| Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land | -0- | -0- | |
| Other Reimbursements | -0- | -0- | |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES — FEDERAL | | | |
| Civil Defense Grants | -0- | -0- | |
| LICENSES AND PERMITS | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 350,000 | 420,000 | 440,000 |
| Dog Licenses | 1,500 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | 19,000 | 24,000 | 24,000 |
| Cable TV Commissions | 5,500 | 8,000 | 9,000 |
| Dog Racing Fees | 40,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | |
| Income from Departments | 20,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Rent of Town Property | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Ambulance Fees | 7,000 | 10,000 | 12,000 |
| Reimbursable Expenses | 8,000 | 13,000 | 15,000 |
| MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES | | | |
| Interest on Deposits | 47,000 | 65,000 | 70,000 |
| Sale of Town Property | - 0 - | - 0 - | - 0 - |
| MMSTV Sewer Reimb. | 17,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Welfare Reimb. | 750 | 500 | 500 |
| Hydropower Generation | 26,000 | 26,000 | 26,000 |

OTHER FINANCING

SOURCES

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes | -0- | 1,300,000 | 1,380,000 |
| Income from Water & Sewer Departments | 349,199 | 366,073 | 377,167 |
| Withdrawal from Capital Reserve | 205,000 | 77,000 | 77,000 |
| Fund Balance | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS | 1,683,169 | 2,914,352 | 3,045,446 |

Report of Highway Department

The winter of 1988 brought many storms and from January 1 through December 21, 1988, 765 tons of salt and 3300 yards of sand were used. In the spring gravel was hauled to cover mud and fill potholes. At the end of mud season roads were graded and raked, then oil was laid for dust control.

Due to the over abundance of rubbish, two weeks were needed to accomplish "Annual Clean Up Week". Late spring work was started on South Road. Trees, brush, banks and ditches were cut back in preparation for paving. The work on South Road Bridge was done by Weaver Brothers. In June many rotted trees were cut down on Union and Hurricane Road. There are still more that need to be removed.

In the middle of July when we returned from vacation, we replaced culverts on Johnson Street, Horn, Hurricane and Union Roads. During July, Pike Paving was contracted for the paving of Hoadley Road and in August, Friend Road was shimmed. The shoulders of many other roads were built up. There was a one-inch skim coat laid on part of Seavey Road to seal cracks. In late August sand was hauled to stockpile for winter use and repairs and maintenance was done on sanders and plows. December brought numerous ice storms and many culverts had to be thawed along with much salting and sanding of roads.

I would like to thank the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for all their help.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Brown, Road Agent

Report from the Zoning Board of Adjustment

It has been three years since Belmont passed its Zoning and Planning Ordinance. While there have been a few problems, the Ordinance has helped maintain orderly development during a period of explosive growth.

In 1988, the Board reviewed forty-six cases. Twenty-two requests were granted. Following the letter of the "zoning" laws of the Town and the State of New Hampshire, the decision in each case was fair to both the community and the abutting property owners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Zoning Board members for their work on behalf of the Town of Belmont. Members in 1988 were: H. Morrison Booth, Richard Fournier, Miriam Plonsky, and W. Albert Woglam. Serving as alternates were: Robert Kay and Janice Pease.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Arey
Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Report of Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Belmont Library wish to report a good year. This past year saw an increase of 225 new patrons, bringing the total to 2016 persons who now have library cards. The number of books and magazines issued were 8,945.

The Library was fortunate to receive a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Library Video Classics Project for 86 videotapes. The series of one-hour programs documents notable advances in scientific research. They show how science, society and nature interact using off-screen narration. These tapes will be on loan to the people. To mention one, ten of NOVA's most notable programs are included in this collection.

The Trustees wish to thank the Beautification Committee for the Christmas wreath and decorations donated to the library.

The Library Hall, downstairs, has been in constant use. At present there are eight different groups that meet there on a regular basis, reserving evenings through July of 1989. Also there are at least five other organizations that use the hall once or twice a year. Belmont does need a hall large enough to accommodate these various groups who need to meet regularly.

The Trustees wish to thank Elizabeth Hoey, Librarian, for her dedicated service and Howard LaDuke, custodian, for his work.

Helen Hill

Arilda Brown

Magnus McLetchie

Trustees

Library Trustees Report

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand: January 1, 1988 | \$ 4,078.43 |
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Receipts:

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Received from Town | \$ 5,700.00 | |
| Interest on Account | 317.92 | |
| Fines, Fees, Rent, etc. | 550.64 | 6,568.56 |

\$10,646.99

Disbursements:

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Books & Subscriptions | \$ 2,018.13 | |
| Fuel | 584.00 | |
| Repairs | 400.00 | |
| Library Expenses | 462.35 | |
| Utilities | 980.43 | \$4,444.91 |

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on hand: December 31, 1988 | \$6,202.08 |
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Report of the Librarian

1988 Circulation

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|-------------------|------------|
| Non-fiction: | |
| Adult | 929 |
| Juvenile | 1,264 |
| Fiction: | |
| Adult | 2,497 |
| Juvenile | 3,392 |
| Magazines: | <u>863</u> |
| Total Circulation | 8,945 |

The number of new books purchased was 274. Several books were donated including two beautiful books on the Shakers donated by the Belmont American Legion. The number of books borrowed from other libraries this year totalled 17 and we loaned 7 books to out-of-town libraries.

Our summer youth reading program had 37 participants reading a total of 375 books.

225 new subscribers registered for library cards during 1987 making a total of 2016 patrons.

We have a nice selection of magazines, all of the latest best selling books, lots of books for children and several sets of encyclopedias to help in their homework. Do get to know your library by coming in regularly.

Library Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 1:00-5:00

Tuesday & Thursday 12:30-7:30

Saturday A.M. 9:00-12:00

Elizabeth Hoey
Librarian

Belmont Old Home Day

August 13, 1988, the two hundred and sixty-first year since the Town of Belmont was incorporated, an Old Home Day celebration was observed and thoroughly enjoyed by young and old.

"Belmont Youth on Parade" was featured as our theme and we also saluted the 200th year since New Hampshire became the 9th and deciding state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. We need to remember that while the Constitution provides the framework for our liberty, we the people have the responsibility to make it work. Participation in local community events helps develop the skills needed for this responsibility. We took pride in honoring the youth of our community, who by their participation, are accepting this responsibility.

In 1989, Old Home Day will be held on Saturday, August 12th and, as in years past, we will focus on this as a time to come home, to visit, and to share memories with friends and relatives. We hope to inspire in all a renewed feeling of love, respect and loyalty to our town.

Featured will be the 21st annual ten-mile road race, the usual children's games and races, a craft fair, concession stands and of course - the high point of the day - the parade!

We are always happy to work with any school reunion committees (from the class of 1929's 60th year reunion to the classes with 50, 25, 10 and 5 year reunions). We invite them to join the festivities of the day and perhaps plan their reunion around this day.

We urge anyone interested in helping with this very worthwhile endeavor to please get involved!

The Belmont Old Home Day Association

(A volunteer committee & Board of Directors dedicated to coordinating the various activities of Old Home Day)

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Chairman | Lincoln Noel |
| Vice Chairman | Gail Wakefield |
| Secretary | Pat Crockett |
| Treasurer | Sue Roberts |
| Directors | Lois Toal, Robert Bordeau Robert Harper |

Report of the Belmont Police Department

Your Police Department continued to experience the results of our town's explosive growth during 1988. We experienced a modest increase in the number of calls for service received. I have noticed a change in the types of calls we are receiving. The percentage of actual offenses versus service calls has increased substantially, indicative of a more urban nature evolving in the Town.

The following is an itemized list of the types of calls for service received this year, and compared to 1987.

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|
| 1. Aid Departments | 356 | 413 |
| 2. Alarms | 301 | 260 |
| 3. Animal | 343 | 399 |
| 4. Civil | 82 | 84 |
| 5. Burglary | 66 | 86 |
| 6. Theft | 207 | 226 |
| 7. Auto | 693 | 856 |
| 8. Assault | 48 | 58 |
| 9. Disturbance | 361 | 266 |
| 10. Juvenile | 146 | 98 |
| 11. Fraud/Bad Checks | 78 | 126 |
| 12. Lockouts | 101 | 90 |
| 13. Domestic | 118 | 128 |
| 14. Criminal Mischief/Vandalism | 161 | 155 |
| 15. Other / Misc. | 1183 | 1221 |
| 16. Other / Criminal | 145 | 151 |
| 17. Sex Offenses | 14 | 10 |
| 18. Drug Violations | 3 | 4 |
| 19. Property Checks | 113 | 88 |
| TOTAL | 4519 | 4719 |

These numbers do not represent the number of offenses known, but only the calls for service received.

The following columns give an overview of the various offenses investigated by the department and the arrests and cases cleared. The number of cases cleared includes arrests as well as cleared by another means. The Town of Belmont is being exposed to an ever-increasing variety of offenses. The most noticeable increases we have experienced this year were violent offenses and bad check cases.

| Type | Offenses | Arrests | Cleared |
|---|----------|---------|---------|
| Homicide | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Attempted 1st Degree Murder | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Negligent Homicide | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle | 718 | 636 | 695 |
| Aggravated Assault | 10 | 5 | 10 |
| Burglary | 99 | 12 | 18 |
| (83 Residential or other - 16 Business) | | | |
| Thefts | 214 | 77 | 81 |
| Auto Theft / Recovered | 23 | 2 | 11 |
| (\$133,619 stolen, \$118,319 recovered - 4 vehicles not recovered) | | | |
| Assault | 62 | 16 | 59 |
| Arson | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bad Checks | 175 | 18 | 150 |
| Receiving Stolen Prop. | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Criminal Mischief | 145 | 14 | 16 |
| Weapons Violations | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Sex Offenses | 11 | 3 | 10 |
| Drug Violations | 11 | 8 | 10 |
| DWI | 62 | 62 | 62 |
| Liquor Violations | 49 | 45 | 49 |
| Public Intoxication | 49 | 49 | 49 |
| (9 were children under 18 years of age) | | | |
| Disorderly Conduct | 8 | 5 | 6 |
| All Other Offenses | 109 | 54 | 74 |
| Runaways | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 1,765 | 1,021 | 1,319 |

The same list for 1987 results in totals of:

| Offenses | Arrests | Cleared |
|----------|---------|---------|
| 1206 | 672 | 815 |

The department investigated 232 traffic accidents. Personal injury was reported in 60 of these accidents and 1 person was killed in 1 accident.

The Police Department undertook a new initiative this year to respond to the increased population, both residential and transient or commuter population, and the resultant criminal offenses. There was a need to improve our efforts at crime suppression.

The most traditional method of crime suppression is through the use of patrol. Officers were given directives to make a more visible presence throughout the town. This was accomplished by giving officers specific "Patrol Assignments" whereby they were instructed to spend a certain period of time in a given area being alert for a certain problem. This allows me to make certain that officers are present in areas that have been identified as being either actual or perceived problems.

Officers have also increased time spent on actual patrol by reducing the amount of time used to do necessary paperwork. Portable recorders are taken in the cruiser and reports dictated while the officer is on patrol. Dictation is done much more quickly than actually typing the report and keeps the officer in the position of a visible deterrent.

Patrol Officers have also increased their visibility through increased self-initiated activity. This has been done by increasing their own efforts to be cognizant of problem areas, and to be very aggressive in motor vehicle enforcement. Stopping many vehicles for motor vehicle violations is not only highly visible but shows the public that there is an active law enforcement effort.

It is difficult to measure the success of this initiative on crime suppression. There is no way to determine what crimes may have been prevented. The true measure of success must be made by the citizens of Belmont. They must decide whether a greater police presence increased their level of security and safety. The item that is measurable is the productivity of the police officers. The number of warnings, check-ups, summonses and arrests have increased dramatically.

The department has continued to provide as much training as possible for your officers. Training is of vital importance in allowing officers to provide the best possible service to the community and also protecting the Town from civil liability. Officers have received in-house training in areas such as firearms and legal updates resulting from changes made by the Legislature. Officers were also sent to as many classes as possible held by other agencies such as the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council, the New England Institute of Law Enforcement, and The Northeast Regional Program for a Drug Free America.

On Old Home Day I had the privilege to present one of my officers with an award for "Lifesaving with Valor". This was the result of his rescue of an 18-year-old Massachusetts boy who had been involved in a boating accident on Lake Winnisquam. Officer Seldon Nason swam several hundred yards into Lake Winnisquam in the dark and returned the subject to shore. Unfortunately, a companion had already drowned in the 62-foot-deep water.

The Old Home Day Parade was the debut for the Police Department's first Honor Guard. Four members of the department spent their own time drilling in preparation for the event. The Honor Guard was especially pleased to be asked to lead the parade.

Your Police Department was made up of the following people during 1988:

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|--|------------------------------|
| Michael P. McCarty, Chief of Police | serving since January, 1972 |
| David C. Nielsen, Sergeant | serving since February, 1981 |
| Karen A. McCarty, Administrative Officer | serving since July, 1973 |
| Brian J. Loanes, Patrolman | serving since July, 1980 |
| Mark B. Lewandoski, Patrolman | serving since April, 1978 |
| Steven H. Crockett, Patrolman | serving since April, 1981 |
| Richard A. Bryant, Patrolman | serving since July, 1986 |
| David L. Estes, Patrolman | serving since February, 1988 |
| Seldon E. Nason, Patrolman | serving since March, 1988 |
| William L. Robarge, Patrolman | serving since April, 1988 |
| Lori A. Snow, Clerk | serving since May, 1987 |
| Yvan "Tom" Boivin, Special Officer | serving since December, 1981 |
| Roy T. Roberts, Special Officer | serving since October, 1981 |

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, other Town Employees, and all of the other people that gave their assistance and support to the Police Department during 1988.

I welcome the people of Belmont to contact me with questions, concerns, or suggestions in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael P. McCarty
Chief of Police

Report of Water Department

During the year the Water Department increased its number of users by 23. The department had 4 major water breaks, changed 10 curb stops, 6 frost plates, lowered one house service and repaired 3 leaking services. The department would like to thank the Highway Department for their cooperation.

This was the first year we have had a full slate on the Water Commission in the five years I have been the superintendent. Ron Cormier, Chairman, Bill Clairmont, Jody Conners, Bill Chubbuck, and Al Carista have been working hard all year. They came up with a new set of Rules and Regulations which can be seen at the Town Office. At this point we are getting proposals for a Water Treatment Facility that will be cost effective for the Town.

Belmont Water Department

Frank Clairmont
Superintendent

Report of the Water Commissioners

One of the main goals of the Water Commissioners this past year was to aggressively pursue a better drinking water quality for the Town of Belmont. The Water Commission has interviewed four engineering firms that have submitted proposals which would improve the present water quality. To meet the new Federal and State Regulations in 1990 the Town will be faced with lowering iron and manganese and increasing the pH.

The Water Commission is also exploring the needs for an additional water tank for emergency use and would also allow an adequate supply while the old tank is flushed and cleaned.

The other goal of the Water Commission was to write up and execute a new set of rules and regulations which will take effect in 1989. These rules and regulations will bring us up-to-date with other towns in the surrounding area. The Board of Commissioners' rules and regulations can be reviewed at the Town Hall.

During this past year the Water Department increased its services to 13 new users. The department has had four major water breaks, changed 10 curb stops, 6 frost plates, lowered one house service and repaired three leaking services.

This was the first year in many that a full slate of Water Commissioners was appointed and regularly attended the bi-monthly meetings.

The Water Department would like to extend their thanks to the Highway Department for all their efforts and cooperation.

Jody Connor
Chairman

**Belmont Sewer Commission
and
Winnepesaukee River Basin Project Advisory Board**

The calendar year 1988 was a quiet year for the Sewer Commission. The Commission continues their approval of sewer hook-ups and reviews possible sewer expansion.

The Winnepesaukee River Basin Project had little or no activity as far as the Advisory Board was concerned this year. The system continues to work well for all members.

For the coming year 1989, we anticipate little change in what has happened in the past year for both the Belmont Sewer Commission and the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Fournier, Chairman
Bruce Arey
Cedric Witham

Belmont Beautification Committee

Many improvements occurred in 1988, starting with the spring planting of Juniper in the "islands" in front of the First Deposit Bank on Main Street.

Troop #65's Mark Perkins, Mark Eber, Ben Philips, Ron Shible, Fred Huffer and Chris Gebo did a wonderful job of bagging litter and collecting debris at Marsh Hill Spring. Scoutmaster Ron LaBraney, Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Gebo, and Denny Dupuis and Mark Perkins supervised the cleanup. Charles Eber did a fine job of rebuilding the brick pedestal for the spring with donated materials from Del Gilbert.

Public Works Department employees Norman Lacasse, James and Lewis Marden and Road Agent Luther Brown not only worked hard during Belmont Annual Cleanup but also cleared brush and added crushed rocks and boulders to improve the looks of the spring area. Jim Woodbury coordinated this effort and took time away from his family's business to man the chain-saw.

The Beautification Committee sponsored a poster contest at Belmont Elementary School celebrating "Youth of Belmont". The posters were displayed in the library on "Old Home Day". Mrs. Helen Hill and Mrs. Elizabeth Hoey were judges. Monetary rewards were given to the following: Elizabeth Chase, Raelene Michaud, Sean Appleyard, Stacey Aubin, Alicia Boyd, Eva Ashton, Ian Fortier, Shawn White, and Melissa Viel. Their names were announced at The Community Picnic and Band Concert in May.

Again this year Mrs. Elizabeth Hoey assisted in planting Impatiens in the planters in front of the town hall. Richard Martin kept them watered throughout our very hot summer.

I never thought the "Watering Trough" would be ready for dedication on Old Home Day to celebrate the Constitution's bicentennial! Somehow Ron Mitchell, Sue Roberts, and Frank Clairmont managed to make it all possible. Brox Paving and Ron Mitchell donated the materials.

Christmas on Main Street was brighter this year with a decorated town tree, in the watering trough no less, and additional decorations outside the library and town hall. The Belmont Fire Department decorated the high places between calls and Doralyn and Frankie decorated the tree. The Rotennelli family acquired and delivered the greenery.

Thanks to Belmont High students, Tony Watson, Doug Chapman, and Tyler Shibles for raking and clearing rocks from the newly loamed area

behind the library, and to Frank Clairmont for all his hard work and advice.

It is hoped this year to have plantings in front of the fence behind the library and to add a couple of park benches.

Judy Pilliod
Chairman

Marriages Registered in the Town of Belmont For the Year Ending December 31, 1988

| Date | Name of Bride & Groom | Age | Residence | Where Married |
|------|------------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------|
| 1/9 | Henry W. Colstad, Jr. | 57 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Patricia L. Corman | 51 | NH | |
| 2/4 | Thomas Wendell Clive | 36 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Kathleen E. Blais | 32 | NH | |
| 2/14 | Wayne B. Johnson | 42 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Frances M. Harris | 48 | NH | |
| 2/14 | Charles E. Gatanti | 36 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Susan Anne Bell | 36 | MA | |
| 2/20 | Paul M. Christy | 42 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Katherine Ann Welch | 31 | NH | |
| 2/27 | Albert William White, Jr. | 39 | NH | Tilton, NH |
| | Brenda Lee Fogg | 26 | NH | |
| 3/4 | Francis Joseph Mulcahy | 36 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Lynne Edith Ferris | 30 | NH | |
| 3/5 | Francis W. O'Malley | 36 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Dale J. Squeglia | 34 | NH | |
| 3/19 | Raymond Peter Lachance | 23 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Nancy Beth McCallum | 23 | NH | |
| 3/26 | David Andrew DeCoster | 31 | NH | Gilford, NH |
| | Maureen Susan Ballester | 25 | NH | |
| 3/26 | Donald Richard Hawkins | 26 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Gail Jean Dobbins | 36 | NH | |
| 3/28 | Alan Gary Brown | 31 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Melonie-Faye Francis | 25 | NH | |
| 4/11 | Kenneth Lawrence Benedict II | 20 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Sharon Lynn Ciampi | 19 | NH | |
| 4/16 | Kristopher Stephen Bohl | 19 | NH | Goffstown, NH |
| | Jennifer Marie Mudge | 22 | NH | |
| 4/16 | Irvin A. Merrill | 34 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Harriet Blackey | 41 | NH | |
| 4/23 | Brian Allen Forst | 21 | NH | Loudon, NH |
| | Donna Marie Smith | 23 | NH | |
| 5/14 | Stephen Warren McCammon | 27 | NH | Sanbornton, NH |
| | Amy Beth Oaks | 24 | NH | |
| 5/15 | Lewis Holmes Gault, Sr. | 56 | NH | N. Conway, NH |
| | Carole Adele Kresco | 46 | NH | |
| 5/21 | Maurice W. Clairmont, Jr. | 24 | NH | Gilford, NH |
| | Cheryl Ann Goupil | 25 | NH | |

Marriages Registered in the Town of Belmont For the Year Ending December 31, 1988

| Date | Name of Bride & Groom | Age | Residence | Where Married |
|------|--------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------|
| 5/28 | Terry Scott Awalt | 25 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Tammy Lynn Chamberlain | 27 | NH | |
| 6/11 | John Fitzgerald Jenot | 27 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Mary Rose Durocher | 23 | NH | |
| 6/18 | Roger Ernest Champagne | 44 | NH | Sanbornton, NH |
| | Joan Phyllis Gove | 43 | NH | |
| 6/18 | Joseph E. Hollins | 20 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Stacy Easter | 17 | NH | |
| 6/18 | Roger J. Morin | 42 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Wanda M. Rollins | 32 | NH | |
| 6/25 | Roger Scott Clark | 22 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Jamie Lynn Hancock | 24 | NH | |
| 7/23 | Kevin Vincent Joyce | 21 | NH | Winnisquam, NH |
| | Teri Lynn Dragon | 20 | NH | |
| 8/6 | Michael David Smith | 20 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Kari Lynn Ladnay | 20 | NH | |
| 8/13 | Gary Earl Nelson, Sr. | 27 | NH | Tilton, NH |
| | Tina Delores LaQuire | 20 | NH | |
| 8/18 | Bradley A. Perreault | 38 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Irene M. Begin | 35 | NH | |
| 8/20 | Robert Laurence Cotnoir | 34 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Deborah Lynn Fradette | 29 | NH | |
| 8/27 | Peter F. Cass | 33 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Barbara J. Hudgens | 31 | NH | |
| 9/10 | Steven E. Rockwood | 31 | MA | Belmont, NH |
| | Maribeth Leslie Kapplain | 17 | NH | |
| 9/24 | Kerry A. Harriman | 37 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Carol J. Patterson | 41 | NH | |
| 9/27 | Brian Joseph Colp | 26 | NH | Gilford, NH |
| | Danielle Chartier | 29 | NH | |
| 9/29 | Ronald E. Sulloway, Jr. | 50 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Mary A. Dow | 50 | NH | |
| 10/1 | Philip C. LaRoche, Sr. | 44 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Kathleen R. Blais | 45 | NH | |
| 10/8 | Timothy Parsons | 20 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Sheila Akerman | 16 | NH | |
| 10/9 | Jon Eton Gile | 27 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Debbie Lee Drouin | 31 | NH | |

Marriages Registered in the Town of Belmont For the Year Ending December 31, 1988

| Date | Name of Bride & Groom | Age | Residence | Where Married |
|-------|------------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------|
| 10/9 | Timothy M. Sullivan | 30 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Kami Apostol | 28 | NH | |
| 10/21 | Terrence Charles Casey | 34 | NH | Manchester, NH |
| | Barbara Lynn Westgate | 34 | NH | |
| 10/22 | Joseph Roland Cormier | 38 | NH | Lakeport, NH |
| | Alice Maria Mylett | 24 | NH | |
| 10/22 | Paul Leopold Daigneault | 21 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Carrie Ann Ganchi | 18 | NH | |
| 10/23 | Cullen Scott Downing | 21 | NH | Sanbornton, NH |
| | Katie Abigail Douglass | 20 | NH | |
| 10/26 | Denis Michael Joyal | 34 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Lori Ellen Randall | 31 | NH | |
| 10/28 | Edward J. Matthews III | 42 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Marie A. Calcari | 40 | NH | |
| 10/29 | John F. Bienarz | 39 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Kathleen Garneau | 31 | NH | |
| 11/4 | Robert William Zompa | 47 | MA | Belmont, NH |
| | Donna Avis Cherry | 33 | MA | |
| 11/12 | Leonard Sanford Cram, Jr. | 21 | NH | Sanbornton, NH |
| | Sharolyn Jean Easter | 19 | NH | |
| 11/19 | Scott Jonathan Ross | 32 | NH | Laconia, NH |
| | Suzanne Bergeron | 23 | NH | |
| 12/10 | Kenneth Roger March | 37 | NH | Keene, NH |
| | Mary Margaret Morris | 25 | NH | |
| 12/16 | Ronald Francis Ermini, Jr. | 19 | NH | Belmont, NH |
| | Meredith Josephine Picarello | 19 | NH | |

I hereby certify that the above Vital Statistic Report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Belmont for the Year Ending December 31, 1988

| Date | Place of Birth | Name of Child | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1/1 | Laconia, NH | Lindsey Marie Thayer | William Baswell Thayer, III | Donna Marie Kenney |
| 1/5 | Laconia, NH | Jacob Arthur Bouchard | James Edward Bouchard | Norma Jean Blake |
| 1/5 | Laconia, NH | Moriah Deborah Drucker | Leonard Murray Drucker | Gail Ellen Wollman |
| 1/10 | Laconia, NH | Kate Megan Warren | Howard Otis Warren | Karen Linda Feltham |
| 1/14 | Laconia, NH | Andrew Paul Fecteau | Ralph Kenneth Fecteau, Jr. | Luanne Dorothy Giguere |
| 1/19 | Laconia, NH | Mitchell William Ashby | Eric Todd Ashby | Martha Young |
| 1/24 | Laconia, NH | Trisha Rae Macey | Raymond Frank Macey | Laura Ann Riebesehl |
| 1/29 | Laconia, NH | Jeffrey Paul Ortakales | Paul Robert Ortakales | Kimberley Lorraine Kolok |
| 2/8 | Laconia, NH | John Carl Averill | Robert Brent Averill | Lynn E. Shaftic |
| 2/10 | Laconia, NH | Melissa Gayle Duhamel | Thomas Paul Duhamel | Deborah Gayle Dow |
| 2/15 | Laconia, NH | Tasha Lynn Mann | Raymond Lee Mann | Karen Anne Raymond |
| 2/25 | Belmont, NH | Abbigale Lee McCarthy | Paul Wendell McCarthy | Sara Ann Turner |
| 2/26 | Laconia, NH | Sarah Lynn Bresse | Jeffrey Scott Bresse | Victoria Jean Wells |
| 3/7 | Laconia, NH | Lori Beth Kjellander | Alan Tage Kjellander | Cheryl Leah Semerjian |
| 3/18 | Laconia, NH | Matthew Richard Batstone | Richard Irving Batstone | Marianne Elizabeth Welch |
| 3/20 | Laconia, NH | Donald Earle King, III | Donald Earle King, Jr. | Sherry Lynn Blair |
| 3/22 | Laconia, NH | Drew Margaret O'Connor | Donald John O'Connor | Barbara Louise Price |
| 3/28 | Laconia, NH | Jeremy Keith Barton | Lawrence Keith Barton | Debora Lee Lounsbury |
| 3/30 | Concord, NH | Ashley Nicole Tucker | Blaine David Tucker | Karen Ann Hardy |
| 3/31 | Laconia, NH | Kendra Anne Davis | Allen John Davis, Jr. | Deborah Aura Meeks |
| 4/1 | Laconia, NH | Jacob Levi Brooks | Ronald Elvin Brooks | Dawn Gould |
| 4/3 | Laconia, NH | Amanda Grace Philpot | Jeffrey Thomas Philpot | Marcy Jane Tucker |
| 4/15 | Laconia, NH | Jesse Reid Tripp | Kevin Michael Tripp | Melanie Ann Roy |
| 4/19 | Laconia, NH | Chelsi Adeline Coulombe | Bruce Alan Coulombe | Kalene Marie Dubois |
| 4/23 | Portland, ME | Amanda Nicole Boehner | John Boehner | Melissa Brown |
| 4/28 | Hanover, NH | Geni Lee Robinson | Brian Carter Robinson | Rebecca Jean Hanson |
| 4/28 | Laconia, NH | Keith Allen Robinson | Brian Carter Robinson | Rebecca Jean Hanson |
| 4/30 | Hanover, NH | Casey Edward Rolland | George Edward Rolland | Lisa May Shea |
| 4/30 | Hanover, NH | Kayla Ann Hawkins | Edward Francis Hawkins | Diane Monterose |
| 5/27 | Laconia, NH | Nicholas Steven Brough | Steven Richard Brough | Cynthia Joan Thibodeau |
| 5/30 | Laconia, NH | Thomas Philip Wuelper | Erik Wuelper | Joanne Marion Lindsey |
| 6/3 | Laconia, NH | Nathan John Zabka | Ronald Zabka | Rose Mary Bazan |
| 6/3 | Laconia, NH | Jeffrey Lowell Loring | Blake Marshal Loring II | Heidi Lee Bickford |

| Date | Place of Birth | Name of Child | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|-------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6/11 | Laconia, NH | Kayla Ruth Stomski | Robert Allen Stomski | Susan Joyce Ballantine |
| 6/16 | Concord, NH | Jillian Rose Byerhoff | Wilson Edward Byerhoff | Angela Woods |
| 6/17 | Concord, NH | Lenore Rachel Bassett | Randolph Peter Bassett | Jo-Ellen Holzmacher |
| 6/18 | Concord, NH | Marisa Lynn Pickowicz | Paul Joseph Pickowicz | Carol Ann Whelpley |
| 6/18 | Laconia, NH | Samantha Lyndsey Bean | Judson Martin Bean | Cathi-Anne Lamere |
| 6/19 | Laconia, NH | Eric Cole Trendell | Marc Steven Trendell | Pamela Jean Butts |
| 6/21 | Laconia, NH | Jennifer Martha Waldron | Ernest John Waldron, Jr. | Mary Elizabeth Coughlin |
| 6/30 | Laconia, NH | Chad Vincent Bunn | Joseph Albert Bunn | Bridgette Teresa Longo |
| 7/14 | Belmont, NH | Cassandra Sharon Armstrong | Steven John Armstrong | Dawn Frances Gorsline |
| 7/20 | Laconia, NH | Jill Marie Kreiensieck | Wayne Michael Kreiensieck | Charleen Ann Maxfield |
| 7/21 | Laconia, NH | Ebony Rose Phillips | Randell Scott Phillips | Sandra Lee Comeau |
| 7/22 | Laconia, NH | Travis Jay Marsh | Kevin Jay Marsh | Diana Marie Lacey |
| 7/24 | Laconia, NH | Crystal Rae Russo | Albert Vincent Russo | Christina Rae Sharon |
| 7/26 | Laconia, NH | Dakota Ashley Smith | William Ross Smith, Jr. | Michelle Elizabeth Dubia |
| 7/31 | Laconia, NH | Katelyn Ashley Bacon | Todd Vernon Bacon | Monica Rebecca Brown |
| 7/31 | Laconia, NH | Dustin Kelly Shows | Donald Dudley Shows | Kathleen Fay Vild |
| 8/2 | Laconia, NH | Kristi Marie Cowing | Edison Richard Cowing | Jean Marie Ferri |
| 8/3 | Laconia, NH | Samantha Christine Jacques | Roland Armand Jacques | Emma Christine King |
| 8/6 | Laconia, NH | Ashley Paige Ferland | Henry Paul Ferland, Jr. | Cynthia Louise Dame |
| 8/11 | Laconia, NH | Joshua Scott Ellsworth | Scott Charles Ellsworth | Kathryn Elizabeth Edgar |
| 8/12 | Laconia, NH | Sherry Anne Deschenes | Scott Robert Deschenes | Marilyn Ruth L'Heureux |
| 8/23 | Laconia, NH | Michelle Marie Jean | Daniel Joseph Jean | Deena Marie Deforge |
| 8/31 | Laconia, NH | Jeffery Myron Hollins | Joseph Earl Hollins | Stacy Lynn Easter |
| 9/2 | Laconia, NH | Julia Kay Dunlea | Patrick James Dunlea | Holly Madeline Irion |
| 9/2 | Laconia, NH | Kailey Jean Malone | Daniel Charles Malone | Elsie Lowe |
| 9/2 | Laconia, NH | Steven William White | Albert William White | Brenda Lee Fogg |
| 9/4 | Laconia, NH | Adam James Liesner | Arthur Joseph Liesner, Sr. | Norma Jean Haskell |
| 9/16 | Franklin, NH | Craig Elliott Rhodes | Christopher John Rhodes | Donna Jean Baggaley |
| 9/16 | Concord, NH | Donald Matthew Harrison | Michael Louis Harrison | Kathrine Dolliver |
| 9/25 | Belmont, NH | Joshua Paul Duckworth | Brian Paul Duckworth | Birgit Franziska Fischer |
| 10/7 | Laconia, NH | Megan Elizabeth Phinney | Craig James Phinney | Cynthia Ann McDonnell |
| 10/12 | Franklin, NH | Rebecca Jean Washburn | Kevin Mitchell Washburn | Pamela Jean Shibles |
| 10/14 | Laconia, NH | Kendra Elizabeth Barth | Roy Barth, Jr. | Anne Kazimera Batakis |
| 10/14 | Laconia, NH | Stephanie Ann Barth | Roy Barth, Jr. | Anne Kazimera Batakis |
| 10/21 | Laconia, NH | Cody Brent Tardif | Brent Jason Tardif | Denise Wassell |

| Date | Place of Birth | Name of Child | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|-------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10/30 | Laconia, NH | Jennifer Lynne McCammon | Stephen Warren McCammon | Amy Beth Oakes |
| 11/6 | Concord, NH | Eva Marie Porter | Thomas William Porter | Ann Sommerville |
| 11/8 | Laconia, NH | James Gerard Delinois | Jean Gerard Delinois | Margaret Ceune |
| 11/8 | Laconia, NH | Joshua Peter Robie | Peter Brien Robie | Faith Ann Stockwell |
| 11/8 | Laconia, NH | Ryan Patricia Romprey | Mark Donald Romprey | Shari Ann Lord |
| 11/11 | Laconia, NH | Nicole Lynn Morin | Michael Raymond Morin | Kathleen Theresa Cormier |
| 11/18 | Franklin, NH | Amanda Michelle Stewart | Michael James Stewart | Jeanne Ellen Merrill |
| 11/19 | Laconia, NH | Joshua Scott Ross | Scott Jonathan Ross | Suzanne Bergeron |
| 11/20 | Laconia, NH | Timothy Justin Charest | Patrick Joseph Charest | Jacqueline Elizabeth Paradis |
| 12/1 | Laconia, NH | Keith Shane Fitzpatrick | John Joseph Fitzpatrick | Tammy Lynn Haldane |
| 12/5 | Laconia, NH | Sarah May Dube | James Daniel Dube | Donna Teresa Rolfe |
| 12/10 | Laconia, NH | Chelsea Jayne Coffin | Stuart Wade Coffin | Betsy Stanley |
| 12/22 | Laconia, NH | Stephanie Dawn Mann | Stephen Douglas Mann | Donna Marie Morin |
| 12/23 | Concord, NH | Amanda Rae Ruegg | Ronald Peter Ruegg | Linda Lou Cassavaugh |
| 12/29 | Franklin, NH | Jennifer Kristi Guidi | Richard Alan Guidi | Kerry Lee Lang |

I hereby certify that the above Vital Statistic Report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Belmont For the Year Ending December 31, 1988

| Date | Place of Death | Name of Deceased | Age | Sex | Birthplace |
|------|----------------|-------------------------|----------|--------|---------------|
| 1/6 | Laconia | Jacob A. Bouchard | 11 hours | Male | New Hampshire |
| 2/1 | Laconia | Mary Ann Connell | 71 | Female | Italy |
| 2/1 | Belmont | Albertine M. Hughes | 71 | Female | New Hampshire |
| 2/2 | Laconia | Krystal J. Tine | 43 days | Female | New Hampshire |
| 2/8 | Laconia | Parker C. Stroud | 60 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 2/12 | Belmont | Charles R. Stokes | 72 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 3/1 | Hanover | Chester A. Dow | 70 | Male | Massachusetts |
| 3/20 | Laconia | Lyle Carroll McAllister | 80 | Male | Vermont |
| 3/29 | Laconia | Lander Hodgman | 80 | Male | Massachusetts |
| 3/30 | Hanover | Joseph A. Tardiff | 58 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 4/21 | Laconia | Edward N. Kennedy | 75 | Male | Rhode Island |
| 4/22 | Laconia | Leo A. Guyer | 66 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 4/24 | Laconia | Ernestine E. Allard | 66 | Female | New Hampshire |
| 5/6 | Belmont | Wilbrod L. Drouin | 61 | Male | Canada |
| 5/9 | Laconia | Elie J. Larose | 69 | Male | Massachusetts |
| 5/27 | Belmont | Thelma May Patria | 71 | Female | New Hampshire |
| 6/12 | Belmont | James J. Arigo, Jr. | 18 | Male | Massachusetts |
| 6/13 | Belmont | Raymond D. Kievit | 76 | Male | New Jersey |
| 6/20 | Laconia | Marcel C. Bernier | 64 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 7/4 | Laconia | Thomas A. Sayward | 27 | Male | Maine |
| 7/17 | Franklin | Joseph F. Dancause | 86 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 7/22 | Laconia | Clayton L. Dodge | 88 | Male | Virginia |
| 8/6 | Laconia | William J. McBride | 63 | Male | Massachusetts |

| Date | Place of Death | Name of Deceased | Age | Sex | Birthplace |
|-------|----------------|-----------------------|-----|--------|---------------|
| 8/14 | Laconia | Matthew A. Thibault | 17 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 8/16 | Laconia | Suzanne A. Marshall | 84 | Female | New Hampshire |
| 8/29 | Meredith | Charles W. Roeder | 84 | Male | Massachusetts |
| 9/11 | Laconia | Edward L. Ellsworth | 84 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 9/11 | Franklin | Ruby B. Larsen | 83 | Female | Maine |
| 9/16 | Belmont | Henry W. Colstad | 58 | Male | Massachusetts |
| 10/11 | Manchester | Rudolph E. Ouellette | 73 | Male | Massachusetts |
| 10/11 | Laconia | Crofton H. Smith | 67 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 10/13 | Belmont | Eugene M. Chase, Sr. | 84 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 11/1 | Laconia | Gladys Lorna Peckham | 73 | Female | New Hampshire |
| 11/3 | Belmont | Eldon E. Parker | 41 | Male | Tennessee |
| 11/3 | Belmont | Sharon R. Parker | 32 | Female | New Hampshire |
| 11/11 | Laconia | Lourene V. Perry | 88 | Female | New Hampshire |
| 11/11 | Laconia | Michael R. Werren | 35 | Male | Maine |
| 11/12 | Laconia | Aime J. Bourque | 65 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 11/16 | Belmont | Virginia J. Doll | 59 | Female | Ohio |
| 11/24 | Barnstable, MA | Victoria P. Falardeau | 67 | Female | Belgium |
| 12/2 | Belmont | Cecile LeTourneau | 62 | Female | Massachusetts |
| 12/5 | Franklin | Eveard L. Ellsworth | 84 | Male | New Hampshire |
| 12/9 | Belmont | Diana J. Sallies | 38 | Female | New Hampshire |
| 12/20 | Laconia | Gary B. Brown | 22 | Male | Massachusetts |

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Honor Guard Officer Richard Bryant, Sergeant David Nielsen,
Officer David Estes and Officer William Robarge.

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